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Saudi Arabia holds line on oil prices ; others raise them

By Michael J. Hall

JEDDAH, Feb. 27 — Kuwait, Iraq and Venezuela Tuesday announced sharp oil price increases, but Saudi Arabia held its line on oil prices decided by OPEC last December.

A royal cabinet statement issued in Riyadh called for urgent OPEC consultations, "to prevent the worsening of the price problem and to prevent new oil companies from reaping huge profits at the expense of the oil producers and consumers."

The Saudi government statement said Saudi oil would continue to be sold at OPEC first-quarter 1979 prices until next month's scheduled OPEC meeting in Geneva.

"The Kingdom's stance toward oil prices will be determined at the forthcoming meeting in the light of consultations with other OPEC partners," the statement added.

In Kuwait, Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah said the country's \$12.00 a barrel increase, scheduled for Feb. 20 — was intended, "to share the huge profits that oil companies have reaped from increasing oil prices in world markets."

In Venezuela, a government spokesman Tuesday confirmed that the country was raising its oil export prices in March, but declined to say by how much.

Monday the "Middle East Economic Survey" and the "New York Times," quoting oil sources, said the increase in Venezuela's prices would vary from \$2.10 to \$2.51 a barrel, depending on sulfur content.

Venezuela and Kuwait became the fourth and fifth OPEC members to increase the price of their crude oil since OPEC ministers decided last December on a 14.5 per cent phased increase in the price of oil in 1979.



King Khalid

Since that meeting, however, the cutoff in Iranian oil has led to a world oil shortfall of about five million barrels a day, and demand for that oil has sent prices on the spot oil market to about \$20 a barrel.

Countries which had already increased their oil prices because of the Iranian situation include Libya, Qatar and Abu Dhabi.

In Iran, meanwhile, the new president of the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), said Tuesday that the country's oil exports would be reduced March 5, but that the country would still sell oil at prices of \$18 to \$20 a barrel.

Hasan Nazif, the new NIOC chief, said the first exports (Continued on back page)

Begin rejects U.S. request to attend Camp David talks

ERUSALEM, Feb. 27 (AP) — Israeli cabinet on today rejected President Carter's invitation for Prime Minister Menachem Begin to attend a Camp David meeting with Egyptian Prime Minister Anwar Sadat. There were plans for Sadat to attend. The cabinet decided that prime minister is not in a mood to accept the proposal, meeting with Prime Minister Begin announced.

Begin said Foreign Minister Yitzhak Mordechai reported on talks with Khalil and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in Jeddah.

It is not evident to the extent that in those talks no progress was made towards an Egyptian agreement, a said. "On the contrary, the Egyptian position was strengthened by the Egyptian decision," he claimed.

The decision, taken by a



MIDDLE EAST AT CARNIVAL: "Tiger" Carter holds a party rope still supporting Prime Minister Begin, and President Sadat on a float depicting the Middle East situation during a carnival procession in Mainz, West Germany, Monday. (AP wirephoto).

14-2 vote, indicated serious problems for the American effort to mediate a Middle East peace process and bilateral relations between Israel and Egypt.

But Begin said he was still "prepared at any time con-

Two men go on trial in Naif murder

LONDON, Feb. 27 (R) — A senior Iraqi official, and another man went on trial Tuesday accused of assassinating an exiled former Iraqi prime minister outside a London hotel last summer.

Dozens of police guarded the old Bailey criminal court in central London and took strict security measures.

Police marksmen were stationed on nearby rooftops. Dogs sniffed through courts and offices in search of bombs or intruders.

Saad Abdul Rahman Al-Shukri, 40, a senior official who worked in the Iraqi Information Ministry, and Salem Ahmad Hassan, 26, pleaded not guilty to the murder of former Premier Abdul-Razzaq Al-Naif.

Col. Naif was shot twice in the head on July 9 as he walked to a taxi from the Intercontinental Hotel in London.

The prosecution case is that Hassan was the gunman who shot Naif and that Shukri was closely involved in the operation.

But Tuesday Shukri's defense lawyer objected to the admission of some of the prosecution evidence against him. The judge decided to hear the legal arguments without the jury, telling them to leave the court and return when the trial resumes Wednesday morning.

Riyadh denies Israeli claim

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia Tuesday denied Israel Radio reports that there were American troops in two Saudi airbases to protect the West's sources of oil.

An official described the reports as sheer fabrications, and completely wrong.

As an expression of that friendship and of the traditional ties between Greece and the Arab World, Karamanlis informed Crown Prince Fahd that his government had donated a piece of land in Athens for Muslims to build a mosque and an Islamic Center.

Kuwait, Iraq denounce remarks U.S. Gulf peace warning slammed

KUWAIT, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — Kuwait and Iraq Tuesday denounced official warnings by the United States it was prepared to use military force to ensure the continued flow of oil from the Middle East.

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah said he was astonished by the statement, describing it as irresponsible and tantamount to the law of the jungle.

Iraq's official news agency quoted the government newspaper "Al-Thawra" as denouncing "threats by the United States in a desperate attempt to maintain oil monopolies."

United States Defense Secretary Harold Brown said Sunday that "protection of the oil flow from the Middle East is clearly part of our vital interests," and "in protection of these vital interests, we'll take any action that's appropriate, including the use of military force." Energy Secretary James Schlesinger made a similar statement at the same time.

"I express my sorrow over such statements... because such methods are unacceptable and irresponsible, as well as contrary to United Nations principles," Al-Sabah declared in an interview with the newspaper "Al-Anbaa."

"The time has gone when powerful nations resorted to such means. The law of the jungle has also gone as people now know how to defend their interests," he added.

"Al-Thawra" warned that "military presence will never guarantee the flow of oil."

"We advise the United States to stop interfering in the internal affairs of this area which is the most dangerous area in the world, both strategically and from the oil point of view. America's intentions to increase its warships in the area will result in exploding the situation setting fire to the oil at its source." The Iraqi paper said.

In Moscow, the Soviet Communist Party daily "Pravda" Tuesday described American plans to expand its military presence in the Middle East as interference which could only increase tension in the area.

The State department in Washington said Monday that examples of an expanded military presence would include sending more naval vessels or aircrafts to the Gulf or conducting joint military exercise there.

But it said that neither bases nor ground troops were being considered.

The United States was consulting several governments in the area.

Ziaur Rahman in Jeddah

JEDDAH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman arrived here Tuesday on a private visit to perform the minor pilgrimage and visit the Holy Prophet Mosque in Medina.

He was met at the airport by Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz, Jeddah District Commissioner Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi, President of the Islamic Development Bank Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, Commander of the Western Province Gen. Mansour Al-Shuaibi and a representative from Royal Protocol.



Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman

PLO's Iran envoy sees victory near

AMMAN, Feb. 27 (R) — A Palestinian leader said in an interview published here Tuesday that "the countdown for the raising of the Palestinian flag on Palestinian territory has started" with the opening in Iran of a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) office.

The interview was published by the English-language daily newspaper "Jordan Times" in its sister Arabic language daily "Al-Rai."

Speaking to the special correspondents of the two newspapers in his office in Tehran, PLO representative to the Islamic revolution Hani Al-Hassan said "The Iranian revolution has considered the liberation of Jerusalem a religious and moral goal."

Hassan said the Palestinian commando movement had supported the Iranian revolution "despite advice that Palestinian support is a gamble."

"But we realized from the beginning that the success of Iran's revolution against the Shah, a staunch supporter of Israel, will lead to significant strategic changes in the Middle East," he was quoted as saying.

Hassan said the PLO "will not allow itself to interfere in Iran's affairs by siding with this faction or that in the natural struggle which will soon surface between the various political groupings in Iran."

Iraq's jets reportedly strafed Kurdish marketplace, killing 15

TEHRAN, Feb. 27 (AP) — Jet fighters and helicopter gunships "fed a market" in the "no-man's land" between the Kurdish areas of Iraq and Iran, killing 15 persons, a Tehran newspaper reported Tuesday.

The English-language "Kayhan" newspaper confirmed reports from its correspondent Baneh, Iranian Kurdistan, that seven Iraqi aircraft took part in the attack on a marketplace lying between the Iranian town of Bana and the Iraqi settlement of Astaray.

No date was given for the reported raid, and Rashid Ahrdi, a member of Baneh's revolutionary Council, told "Kayhan" correspondent the victims were buried in surrounding hamlets and fields.

Iranian Prime Minister Mohd Bazargan was said Tuesday as saying it was probably be another attack before a referendum on establishing an Islamic republic in the country could take place.

The referendum has been missed for Nowruz (the Iranian new year on March 21) Bazargan said in an interview published by the Paris newspaper "Le Monde."



CHECKS LUGGAGES: A Mojahdeen guerrilla checks luggage of passenger at Tehran airport Tuesday. (AP wirephoto).

"I doubt that we will be able to organize it for at least one month," he said.

The new premier was reported as saying that Ayatollah Khomeini's revolutionary committee had promised the referendum for March 21 without considering the administrative problems.

"Kayhan" newspaper also reported Tuesday that a former commander in Iran's paramilitary state police was executed by firing squad Tuesday for having ordered his troops to open fire on anti-government demonstrators during recent political disturbances in the country.

The commander, Lt. Khojan Ali Elyasi, was convicted Monday of murder and cooperating with SAVAK (the secret police) by a six-man Islamic revolutionary court in the town of Khoosar, about 320 kilometers west of Tehran.

A special firing squad of Mojahdeen guerrillas carried out the death sentence, the 11th execution of a former government official since Iran's Islamic revolution earlier this month.

Elyasi, 40, was commander of state police forces in Khoosar, the newspaper said, and had reportedly ordered his subordinates to open fire on anti-government demonstrators, which resulted in the deaths of three persons.

Elyasi had denied the charge.

An Islamic revolutionary court in Tehran earlier this month ordered the deaths of four prominent generals who served under the Shah. They were the first ex-government

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Capital of SR 70m

14 states join Jeddah-based fisheries firm

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Finance Ministers of 14 Arab countries Tuesday signed an agreement to set up a joint Arab fisheries company in Jeddah with an initial capital of SR70 million.

Of the total capital of the Arab Fisheries Company, Saudi Arabia contributed 30 per cent, Iraq 28 per cent, Libya 15 per cent, Sudan, Qatar, Kuwait and Egypt 5 per cent each and Tunisia, Jordan, Syria, Somalia, Palestine, Mauritania and North Yemen one per cent each.

After the signing ceremony, Saudi Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, who is chairing the current

Arab finance ministers meeting — the Arab Economic Union — would undertake exploration, fishing and exploitation at its expense or at the expense of other parties on the high seas, outside non-members' waters and in territorial waters of such state as grant rights to the company.

The minister said the company will be empowered to set up fish-farming industries and industries based on other marine life and produce. It will operate ships for exploration and research and will be in a position to maintain and service all equipment for fishing, storage, transport, repair and rescue.

Sheikh Muhammad said the company's broad range of activities would enable it to proceed efficiently.

The establishment of Arab Fisheries raises to \$12 billion, funds invested in joint companies for exploiting Arab resources in the interest of Arab development, the minister added.

Under the agreement, members will pay up 25 per cent of their shares through the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMIA), he said.

The minister thanked the member countries for their unanimous approval of Jeddah as the headquarters of the company. The Kingdom would do all possible to run the com-

pany as efficiently as possible. He also thanked Arab League Secretary General Mahmoud Riad for his efforts on behalf of the company, which is expected to have branches and agencies in League member countries.

Road company formed. Meanwhile, an agreement was signed Tuesday setting up a road transport joint-venture company between Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar.

The company, to be based in Dammam, will be capitalized at SR140 million. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait will contribute SR60 million each and Qatar SR20 million.

Sheikh Muhammad said that the company will own and operate regular transport lines between the participants and to other Gulf countries. It will also be entitled to establish, manage, participate in or own wholly any other companies.

Khaled sees ministers. Tuesday afternoon, King Khaled received Riad and the finance ministers attending the 26th session of the Arab Economic Unity Council.

The meeting at the Maathar Palace was attended by Crown Prince Fahd, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and Sheikh Muhammad.

10,000 books shown at Riyadh U

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman opened the capital's second International Book Fair at Riyadh University Monday. About 230 publishers, including 30 from the Kingdom, are taking part in the 15-day exhibition which will display about 100,000 books on different sciences.

Khaled, Fahd cable postal chief

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd have thanked delegates to the seventh postal conference in Dammam. The royal telegrams were sent to Samir Banaja, director general of post and the conference chairman, in reply to the telegrams in which the conference expressed appreciation of the attention given by the government to postal services in the Kingdom.



OFFICE BLOCK: This vast new office block is being constructed opposite the Meridian Hotel in Jeddah for the General Organization of Social Insurance, which manages the Kingdom's state pension fund.

34 members

China team to work on farm projects

JEDDAH, Feb. 27 — A 34-man team of Chinese agricultural technicians will soon be-

gin working with the Ministry of Agriculture and Water, the Republic of China's Embassy announced Tuesday.

Tsai Hsiu-tu, leader of the group, arrived Jeddah Friday to arrange the arrival of the technicians, who include experts on irrigation and drainage, engineering, animal health, mechanized farming, soil and meteorology.

The despatch of the mission follows an agreement signed last August in Taipei between the ministry and the Chinese Ministry of Economic Affairs.

The Republic of China already has a 30-man agricultural technical team in the Kingdom working on improv-

ing rice and vegetable productivity.

Other cooperation projects under consideration include the establishment of a model farm in the Kingdom by the Chinese experts and private joint-venture projects in developing large-scale farming.

Tsai was general manager of the Taiwan Provincial Farmers' association in Taiwan before being appointed to lead the mission.

Chinese Minister of State without Portfolio K.T. Li is due to arrive in Saudi Arabia for talks with Saudi officials on March 4. Li is visiting at the invitation of Prince Naif, minister of the interior.

Naif penalizes shops on prices

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Minister of the Interior Prince Naif has penalized a number of merchants for violating supply and price regulations, the ministry announced here Tuesday.

Prince Naif's order was based on recommendations of the Ministry of Commerce.

According to the order, nine shops in Medina and Hail were fined \$ 222,000 for pricing violations, with confiscation of the price differences, closure for three days and publication of the penalty in the local newspapers at the offenders' expense.

Khaled receives credence letters

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — King Khaled Tuesday received the letters of credence of the new ambassadors of Malaysia, the Netherlands and France.

The ceremony was attended by Crown Prince Fahd, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, the King's Adviser, Dr. Rashed Pharaon, the head of the royal cabinet, the chief of protocol and the commander of the royal guard.

France now 4th Saudi supplier

PARIS, Feb. 27 (SPA) — France now occupies fourth position jointly with the United Kingdom in supplies of goods and services, Commerce Minister Soliman A. Solaiman said Monday during a meeting with French Minister of External Trade Jean-Francois Deniau. The United States heads the list, followed by Japan and West Germany, he said.

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Algeria unit reports

Khomeini said to recognize Polisario

ALGERIA, Feb. 27 (AP) — Ayatollah Khomeini has pledged support for guerrillas fighting Morocco and Mauritania for the independence of former Spanish Sahara, it was announced here Tuesday.

The official Algerian Press Service (APS) reported that the Iranian leader received a delegation from Polisario, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Saharawi (Sahara).

It quoted Khomeini as saying "Each has chosen his camp. The Shah chose the king, while you have chosen the Iranian people and you have its friendship and support."

King Hassan II has given



Ayatollah Khomeini the Shah refuge following the Iranian revolution.

city with struggling Muslim peoples."

At a meeting with Polisario representatives Tuesday in Tehran, Foreign Minister Karim Sanjabi said Iran would always support anti-colonialist movements fighting for independence, but he asked the Polisario to provide more information about their policies, the Tehran "Voice of Revolution" Radio reported.

A two-man Polisario delegation, which arrived in Tehran Monday, earlier called on Ayatollah Khomeini at his headquarters, the radio said.

Morocco, where the exiled Shah is at present staying, is the main enemy of the Poli-

sario.

Meanwhile Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere has reiterated his support for the Polisario guerrillas.

In a message to the Polisario Front on the third anniversary of its proclamation of the Arab Democratic Republic of Sahara, President Nyerere said, "The people of Tanzania have followed with sympathy and admiration the efforts of the people of Sahara to liberate their land which has been occupied and divided by expansionist aggressors."

"We affirm that the struggle of your people under the Polisario Front is an in token of the struggle for the total liberation of the African continent," the president said.

Tanzania recognized the self-proclaimed republic last year.

Chad tribesmen fleeing capital as nation divides into 3 camps

NDJAMENA, Feb. 27 (R) — Thousands of Chad tribesmen loyal to President Felix Malloum are fleeing south from Ndjamena, capital of their strife-torn country, after an anonymous warning to evacuate.

The exodus of Sara tribesmen, coupled with a reported retreat from central Chad by the president's armed forces,

suggested the country could soon be divided into three rival armed camps.

The president's forces appeared likely to take control of the economically prosperous southern region, leaving the north in the hands of Libyan-backed Frontist guerrillas and the troops of rebel Prime Minister Hissene Habre.

The Sara tribesmen headed for their southern strongholds of Moundou and Sah after anonymous leaflets circulated Sunday night urging them to flee Ndjamena where forces of Habre staged a coup attempt two weeks ago.

Fighting followed the coup attempt in which 500 people were believed to have been killed.

Syria denounces Zionism at U.N. rights conference

GENEVA, Feb. 27 (R) — Syria has clashed with Israel and the United States over world Zionism, at the U.N. Human Rights Commission, arguing that Jewish philosophers were among those who defined it as racism.

Syrian delegate Dia Allah el Attal told delegates that because of Zionism, Palestinian people had been denied the right to live in their own lands.

"I think everyone is under certain fear to equate Zionism with racism," he said. "But there are Jewish philosophers who define it in this way."

Yoel Barzani, Israeli observer at the 32-nation commission, said Syria had labeled Zionism a new form of Nazism last week. This was an escalation of the defamation campaign against Israel, he added.

U.S. delegate Edward Mezvinsky said it was a disservice to the commission to describe Zionism as racism.

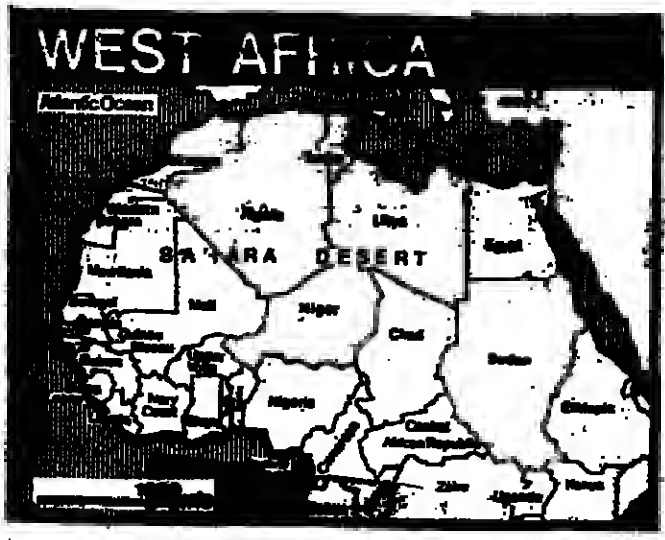
French military sources said Monday that 20 Habre were killed in hand to hand fighting with Sares in Moundou Sunday night.

At least 50 people were reported killed in Moundou in clashes with Malloum's forces last week, informed sources said Sunday.

A ceasefire agreed between Habre and President Malloum's forces 10 days ago appeared to be holding in Ndjamena Monday. But normal life was at a standstill.

Banks were closed, money was in short supply and food supplies had run low.

The front also said 50 Saharawi, including several former tribal chiefs, had joined its fight for the independence of Sahara.



FAO said in a report Monday that unless contained, locust swarms could spread to southeast Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Chad, Niger, Mali, Pakistan and India. On the other hand, religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini was quoted as saying that he would recognize the Polisario Front fighting for independence against Morocco and Mauritania.

Locust danger can spread, FAO warns

ROME, Feb. 27 (R) — Desert locusts could cause serious damage to foodcrops in Africa, the Near East, Pakistan and India next season, unless contained, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has said.

In a report on world food outlook, FAO said Monday the prospect of serious damage was at present limited to coastal areas around the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, where some winter millet and sorghum were growing.

"But the danger could spread unless controls were maintained," the organization said.

It reported only a few sightings of locusts in West and Northwest Africa, but said gregarious breeding was thought to be taking place in northern Ethiopia while in Sudan heavy rains meant breeding was likely to continue despite recent control measures.

Locusts might escape from the spring breeding areas, moving west to southeast Egypt and Sudan in May and early June and reaching Chad, Niger and even Mali in June and July.

Others could escape eastward and reach Pakistan and India in May and June, FAO warned.

For armed holdups

Istanbul jails two terrorists

ISTANBUL, Feb. 27 (AP) — A military court here has sentenced two right-wing terrorists to long prison terms as political violence continued elsewhere after Turkey's legislature extended martial law in key provinces.

Monday a military tribunal in Kadikoy, on the Asian side

of Istanbul, sentenced two youths to 12 years six months imprisonment for staging armed hold-ups late last year.

The prosecutor also demanded "at least 10 years imprisonment" for eight other far-right militants on 14 counts of charges that included premeditated murder of their rival left-wing elements.

In another trial, a military prosecutor asked for the death penalty for two activists of the ultra-nationalist Action Party for "conspiring to overthrow the democratic regime by armed insurrection."

Bomb hits market in Jerusalem

TEL AVIV, Feb. 27 (AP) — Five persons were wounded Tuesday when a bomb exploded in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda Market, police announced. One of the victims was seriously hurt, they said. Police closed off the area to search for other explosives in the crowded market which has been a frequent target of attacks.

Queen Nur expecting first child

AMMAN, Feb. 27 (AP) — Queen Nur of Jordan is expecting her first child next September, the Royal palace announced Monday. King Hussein and the Queen, the former Lisa Halaby, daughter of prominent American businessman Najib Halaby, were married last June. Queen Nur, 27, is Hussein's fourth wife. King Hussein has several children from his former marriages.

Jordan calls U.N. meeting

AMMAN, Feb. 27 (AP) — The Jordanian government announced Monday it has decided to call for a special meeting of the U.N. Security Council to discuss Israel's establishments in occupied territories. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim, summoned Arab and foreign ambassadors to announce the request.

Experts find Syrian necropolis

ROME, Feb. 27 (R) — Italian archaeologists have unearthed the 3,800-year-old tombs of the princes of Elba, an ancient city in Syria, and a place built on top of them, according to the team leader. One of two tombs carved in the rock contained a scepter given by a pharaoh of Egypt, suggesting that may have been the tomb of the king of Elba.

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Angola strike adds new front to Rhodesian war

SALISBURY, Feb. 27 (R)—The Rhodesian war has assumed new dimensions after an air strike against a black guerrilla camp deep inside Angola.

The attack by Rhodesian bombers, which flew about 1,000 kilometers from their base in Salisbury, is the first use of air power in the Rhodesian war against the "front-line" states — Zambia, Mozambique, Botswana, Angola and Tanzania — are now directly involved in the six year old conflict.

So far, only Tanzania has remained immune from attack, but Rhodesian military authori-

ties believe that country also provides training facilities for guerrillas.

The latest raid, Rhodesia's deepest strike into black Africa, threatened to bring Cuban and Soviet personnel closer to the battlefronts. Rhodesian officials said they believed Russian and Cuban experts had been training insurgents at the Angolan camp hit Monday and that they could have suffered casualties.

White joint Foreign Minister P.K. van der Byl declared that countries harboring guerrillas must accept the consequences

and promised more cross-border operations.

"We will continue to knock out terrorist bases whenever we can and wherever they may be," he said.

The Angolan raid was said by military headquarters to have been launched against the main training camp in Angola for the Zambia-based Zimbabwe Peoples Revolutionary Army (ZIPRA) of Patriotic Front Alliance joint leader Joshua Nkomo.

Young black Rhodesians were sent there after leaving the country through Botswana, informed sources said. After training they would be dispatched to Zambia and then infiltrated into Rhodesia.

The camp, near the town of Tuso about 300 kilometers inside Angola, was raided by Canberra jet bombers.

The planes slipped in and out at low level to escape radar detection, the sources added. The military said all planes returned safely.

Earlier, in Washington British Ambassador Peter Jay said the Western powers must consider the possibility of Soviet influence being extended to Southern Africa.

"It is argued that Ian Smith and others (in Rhodesia) are moderates and that the West should support them," Jay said. "The only kind of help they are interested in is military help."

The Ugandan garrison town of Mbarara, latest target of an invasion force from Tanzania, was ablaze Monday after being attacked by artillery, tanks and infantry, President Idi Amin said, quoted by Radio Uganda.

The attack on Mbarara, 80 kilometers from the Tanzanian frontier, followed the fall at the weekend of Masaka, another important garri-

son town on the road leading northwest from the border to Kampala.

If Mbarara falls it will leave a large stretch of southwest Uganda in the hands of a combined force of Ugandan exiles and Tanzanian troops. Uganda also says mercenaries employed by Tanzania are taking part.

The radio said Amin called on the people to evacuate the area as soon as possible. He

said, "Mosques have been destroyed. Innocent civilians are being killed."

Amin called on all regiments in the front line to regroup under their regimental commander for further instructions.

"All Ugandans who believe in God should pray day and night," he was quoted as saying.

The radio added, "however, he assured the general public not to panic. He is not sleeping. We are planning."

Soviet dissidents see election attempts as step toward freedom

MOSCOW, Feb. 27 (AP) — Organizers of a group calling itself Election '79 defended their unsuccessful effort to field candidates in the forthcoming Supreme Soviet elections as an "important political step" toward democratic reform.

They said the existing system — in which only one candidate, usually hand-picked by the Communist Party, is offered to the voters of each parliamentary district — "contradicts the term election."

Dissident Marxist historian Roy Medvedev appeared at a news conference for Western correspondents Monday with Ludmila Agapova, a Soviet woman who has been trying for more than four years to join her defector husband in Sweden.

Both Medvedev and Mrs. Agapova sought to get them selves officially registered as candidates in Sunday's nationwide elections to the Supreme Soviet. Both were rebuffed by authorities who contended that Election '79 was not a legitimate organization.

In a joint statement, they said the effort would still serve "not only to expose more graphically the non-democratic character of the electoral system and electoral practices in the Soviet Union, but also to promote overcoming of these deficiencies and the development of Soviet social democracy."

They said the group would make a similar effort to place candidates on the ballot for local and provincial elections next year.

Also in Moscow, dissidents said Monday seven Moscow intellectuals had sent a telegram to top police officials in protest over anonymous threats against dissident leader Andrei Sakharov.

They said the telegram was sent to KGB chief Yuri Andropov and Interior Minister Nikolai Shchelokov, in charge of the country's regular police.

Sakharov said last week he had received a series of threats that a "terrorist attack" would be carried out against him. Those making the threats identified themselves, he said, as relatives of the victims in a 1977 Moscow subway explosion.

Rudolf Hess again sent for treatment in hospital

BERLIN, Feb. 27 (AP) — Rudolf Hess, former deputy of Adolf Hitler, has been taken from Spandau Prison to a British military hospital for treatment of acute bronchitis, the British forces said.

The 84-year-old Hess has been sent frequently to the hospital, most recently for seven days over new year for treatment of acute bronchitis, ment.

Hess was sentenced at Nuremberg after World War II to life in prison for "plotting against world peace" and "planning an aggressive war." The six

other inmates of the prison have long since been released and Hess has been the sole prisoner since 1966.

The Soviet Union has blocked Western moves to release him or transfer him to less spartan facilities.

Spandau is administered by the four-power victors of World War II — the Soviet Union, Britain, France and the United States, who still technically occupy Berlin.

Doctors representing each of the countries examined Hess before his transfer to the hospital was approved, the military said.

Amin orders evacuation Uganda base town said ablaze

NAIROBI, Feb. 27 (R) — The Ugandan garrison town of Mbarara, latest target of an invasion force from Tanzania, was ablaze Monday after being attacked by artillery, tanks and infantry, President Idi Amin said, quoted by Radio Uganda.

The attack on Mbarara, 80 kilometers from the Tanzanian frontier, followed the fall at the weekend of Masaka, another important garri-

son town on the road leading northwest from the border to Kampala.

If Mbarara falls it will leave a large stretch of southwest Uganda in the hands of a combined force of Ugandan exiles and Tanzanian troops. Uganda also says mercenaries employed by Tanzania are taking part.

The radio said Amin called on the people to evacuate the area as soon as possible. He

said, "Mosques have been destroyed. Innocent civilians are being killed."

Amin called on all regiments in the front line to regroup under their regimental commander for further instructions.

"All Ugandans who believe in God should pray day and night," he was quoted as saying.

The radio added, "however, he assured the general public not to panic. He is not sleeping. We are planning."

After mercenary controversy

Comoro Islands readmitted to OAU

NAIROBI, Feb. 27 (R) — The Comoro Islands have been readmitted to Organization of African Unity (OAU) meetings after being expelled last year because the then government was brought to power by mercenaries.

OAU spokesman Peter Onu said Monday night the decision was taken at the OAU ministerial meeting here because of "the present reality in the islands."

He said reservations were expressed by Angola, Mozambique, Algeria, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Guinea-Bissau. Conference sources said the readmission was a victory for states regarded as moderate.

French-born mercenary Robert Denard, who led the mercenary force last May, resigned as Comoro army commander after the widespread African condemnation which

followed the coup in which Socialist leader Ali Soilih was killed. Denard, 50, later left the islands.

Last December the Islanders voted to elect new 39-member Federal Assembly and provide for a full return to parliamentary democracy.

Onu said Comoro Foreign Minister Ali Moudjahid told the foreign ministers meeting here that the islands now had a democratically-elected government and had thrown out the mercenaries.

A four-member delegation from the Comoro Islands was expelled from the last OAU ministerial session, in Khartoum in July, after being derisively dubbed the "Bob Denard delegation."

Briefing reporters on the private ministerial meetings which began at the weekend, Onu said the OAU's adminis-

trative budget had been increased by 21 per cent to \$14.5 million for 1979-80.

It was planned to expand the Economic Department of the OAU secretariat so more work on inter-African development and cooperation could be undertaken.

Onu said some of the 49 member states had complained about the size of their contribution to the organization, but 80 per cent of them were paid up to date.

Pretoria defers reaction to U.N. Namibia plans

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 27 (R) — South Africa Monday night deferred comment on United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim's latest proposals on the United Nations plan for independence in Namibia.

A spokesman for Foreign Minister P. W. Botha said here that there would be no official reaction until he and Prime Minister Pieter Botha had addressed elected leaders in the South Africa-administered ter-

ritory on Thursday.

In Windhoek, the territory's capital, it was announced that both ministers would brief the constituent assembly-elect last December in a poll regarded as null and void by the world body — on Waldheim's report to the Security Council.

70th baby dies of Naples mystery disease

NAPLES, Feb. 27 (AP) — Loredana Iorio, an eight-month-old girl, died early Tuesday from the "mystery disease," which has claimed at least 70 lives in the Naples area in about a year, authorities reported.

She was the fourth baby to die from the influenza-like illness in three days as a wave of cold swept southern Italy and sent temperatures to around the freezing point.


The cold wave raised fears of a new offensive by the disease that thrives in low temperatures and hits hardest among undernourished children below the age of two.

The girl, a sailor's daughter from nearby Torre del Greco, entered the Santobono pediatric hospital in a coma Monday evening.

Police kill 3 in Indian riot

NEW DELHI, Feb. 27 (AP) — Three rioting students have been shot dead by railway police and others injured in a dispute over youngsters riding a train without tickets, the United News of India reported.

The ticketless passengers refused to pay fines demanded and student passengers then rioted and abducted three police constables on Monday, according to reports from the scene at Baran, 400 kilometers south of New Delhi.



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K. government marbled by strike of civil servants

LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP) — A strike by key civil servants, of whom there are 100,000 in the British government, has slowed the pace of Britain's government bureaucracy, disrupting activity from decoding of secret to collection of sales tax fines.

About 1,300 civil servants are striking, according to the Civil and Services Association, the Society of Civil and servants began their selective action at the Sunday in pursuit of a 3 percent pay increase.

Scotland, Bashir Ahmed, a 39-year-old man, was arrested at Glasgow Sheriff Court on a charge of stealing a canvas bag containing 5,000 pounds (\$10,000) to be paid as a fine.

There were no clerks to process the money in a nearby bank and a dated receipt was not issued to the man.

He has got the will among members and we have got financial resources to keep the action going for at least three months," said Alastair, deputy general secretary of the CPSA. He said the effect would be "gradual cumulative," cutting government revenue and clogging government machinery.

One of 110 Foreign Office clerks was dealing with the confidential cable between Whitehall and the embassies overseas, he said.

He said the government's Classified Communications Headquarters outside London to southwest England, where secret service analysts highly sensitive traffic, including foreign messages and British reports.

Government officials said the key link with intelligence is being maintained to insure national security.

The strike stopped the flow of new coins from the Royal Mint at Llantrisant in Wales. A mint spokesman said, "Bank stocks of coins are at their highest at this time of year, and they wouldn't have wanted much more in any case." The mint is continuing to produce up to 25 million coins a week and storing them.

The civil servants claimed that shutdown of a government computer at Southend, Essex, east of London, would prevent collection of about 500 million pounds (\$1 billion) of revenue per week from sales taxes, known as VAT or "Value Added Tax."

There was a threat that Britain's entire ambulance service could come to a halt on Friday with crews refusing to answer even emergency calls. Shop stewards representing the country's 17,000 ambulance crewmen voted overwhelmingly in Birmingham Monday to recommend a 24-hour national stoppage from midnight Thursday in pursuit of higher pay.

The ambulancemen are among some 1.5 million members of four public service unions that have conducted selective stoppages, closing schools for lack of custodians, disrupting garbage collection and crippling hospital care.

To protect privacy

GAO denied information on U.S. arms sales

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP) — Secretary of Defense Vance directed his top aides to deny requests for recommendations on U.S. arms sales by congressional investigators.

Pentagon study

U.S. tank may not be best

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP) — U.S. Army research has dropped their claim that the new tank, at \$14 million, will be the world's best, no longer are on safe grounds, claiming that our e-deployed XM-1 will be superior to future models, Gen. Donald Hays in a new report. Change comes less than after the Pentagon. We believe the XM-1 is the best tank in the

now says about the tank. It can state with confidence that the XM-1 "will be" with the new T-80 tank, which, he said, is being developed at an accelerated rate.

Missouri village rallies to save captured convict

GRANGER, Mo., Feb. 27 (AP) — John Joseph Camillo, a mysterious but helpful stranger who won the hearts of the 105 people in Granger, a Missouri village near the Iowa State line, whose people will try to return his kindnesses Tuesday, a plane with a banner to fly over the state capital and Gov. Joseph Teasdale to free Camillo, an escaped murderer, recaptured after three months in Granger. The townspeople collected \$200 to hire the plane. Camillo, 35, convicted of the murder of a southwestern store clerk in 1967, arrived in Granger in October 1968. He took a job working at a y making fork lift pallets. He helped Kathy Jenkins with her school bus route when she got bad and became a hit with the children along the route, she said. He volunteered as an assistant coach for elementary school's basketball team and taught young on how to turn cartwheels. He was very nice, very polite," said Miss Jenkins. "He always wanted to do things in the community, to be a part of it. We all knew he had something bothering him, but he wasn't asking us any questions, and he was doing our a lot of good, so it didn't matter."

When in January, authorities received an anonymous tip that he was a fugitive. Shocked townspeople were told Preston Camillo, who had escaped from Church Prison near Jefferson City, the capital, where he had been a life sentence for murder. Everybody just said, "Well, we've got to do something about him out," Miss Jenkins said. He collected letters from 32 families and sent them to the state parole board and President Jimmy Carter. A petition was circulated which 200 people signed.



HAPPY IN NEW ORLEANS: These striking policemen and their children recently paraded through New Orleans. Their strike has forced the cancellation of Mardi Gras parades in the city for the first time since the 1950s. — (AP photo)

U.K. cancels charges against ailing forger

LONDON, Feb. 27 (R) — British prosecutors have dropped all charges against artist Tom Keating who had admitted flooding the art market with 2,000 fake paintings over the past 25 years.

Keating, 62, was brought to trial Jan. 19, but the proceedings were abandoned a month later when he complained of ill health.

The attorney general's office said Monday all charges were being dropped because Keating could not stand the strain of a new trial.

The artist, who was arrested in July, 1977, admitted to

forging old masters, but denied deceiving clients. He had said he never hoped to make money from the paintings, but only to expose what he called the phonyness of the art world.

But the prosecution changed that Keating conspired to perpetrate six art frauds earning more than 20,000 sterling (\$40,000).

The prosecution had alleged that the artist had defrauded London auction houses and the keeper of the British Museum with his imitations, including faked works by Samuel Palmer, an English 19th-century landscape painter.

Soviet spacecraft links up with Salyut 6

MOSCOW, Feb. 27 (AP) — Two Soviet cosmonauts on Monday went aboard the space laboratory Salyut 6, which has already been orbiting the Earth for nearly a year and a half, Tass reported.

The official Soviet news agency said flight commander Vladimir Lyakhov and engineer Valery Ryumin successfully docked their Soyuz 32 capsule with the Salyut and transferred into the station.

Lyakhov, a 37-year-old lieutenant colonel in the Soviet Air

Force, and Ryumin, 39, a civilian space technologist, then began reactivating the Salyut's on-board systems in preparation for a series of scientific experiments.

Tass said the link-up took place at 4:30 p.m. Moscow time (1330 GMT) Monday, about 25 hours after Lyakhov and Ryumin rocketed into orbit aboard Soyuz 32.

Sunday's launch marked the latest Soviet manned spaceflight since the return to Earth last Nov. 2 of cosmonauts Vladimir Kovalyov and Alexander

Ivanchenkov, who set a world endurance record of more than 139 days in space.

Kovalyov and Ivanchenkov reportedly had displayed amazing powers of vision with naked eye during their flight.

In a report from the mission control center, the trade union newspaper "Trud" said on one occasion, when the two were flying at a height of some 250 kilometers, then had been able to distinguish a depression only 20-30 meters wide in a glacier.

Moscow scientific observers say they expect that another Soyuz craft will be launched within about a week, carrying a Soviet flight commander along with either a Bulgarian or a Mongolian cosmonaut.

On Monday evening Soviet national television showed Lyakhov and Ryumin after they had transferred into Salyut 6 and started familiarizing themselves with equipment aboard the station.

"We see the station is in order," Lyakhov told viewers.

He said the last crew on board — Kovalyov and Ivanchenkov — had left a message for their successors.

"Guys, we congratulate you on arrival at the station," the message read. "There will be a difficult road ahead, but go down this road confidently and calmly. Don't be in a hurry. Save your energies and be considerate of each other. We wish you luck, success and best wishes."

Bitter New Orleans mourns Mardi Gras

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 27 (AP) — There'll be a street party in the French Quarter and a mock jazz funeral in front of St. Louis Cathedral, but the traditional Mardi Gras parades are rolling through suburban streets this year.

Because of a police strike, Tuesday is the strangest Mardi Gras to 261 years of New Orleans history.

Also scheduled Tuesday was a resumption of talks between the city and the Teamsters-affiliated Police Association of Louisiana, which represents the 1,100 officers who have been on strike since Feb. 16.

Some of the bitterness engendered by the strike appeared Monday in a full-page newspaper advertisement in which all seven members of the City Council urged the union to hold a secret ballot to determine whether police want to continue their strike.

The advertisement referred to "Detroit Teamster tactics." City officials have repeatedly referred to Teamsters negotiator Joe Valenti of Detroit as an outside agitator. Valenti and other union officials could not be reached for comment, but picketers scoffed.

"What do we need a secret ballot for?" said a 3rd district officer, who asked not to be named. "The last time we took a voice vote, it was unanimous."

Several strikers ridiculed the idea that any officer might have felt intimidated into siding with the majority on the voice vote.

Regardless of the outcome of the negotiations and even though the street party was expected to attract thousands of carousers, some felt it was too late to salvage the heart of the hoisterous Mardi Gras revelry.

"Everything is comparatively subdued," complained Larry Rich of Van Wert, Ohio, who has brought his clown suit and bulbous nose to Mardi Gras for each of the past five years. "The freeloader class who had vacations all set up and couldn't cancel out, they're here. But the well-heeled who usually come — I haven't seen them."

Hotels and restaurants haven't seen a lot of them, either.

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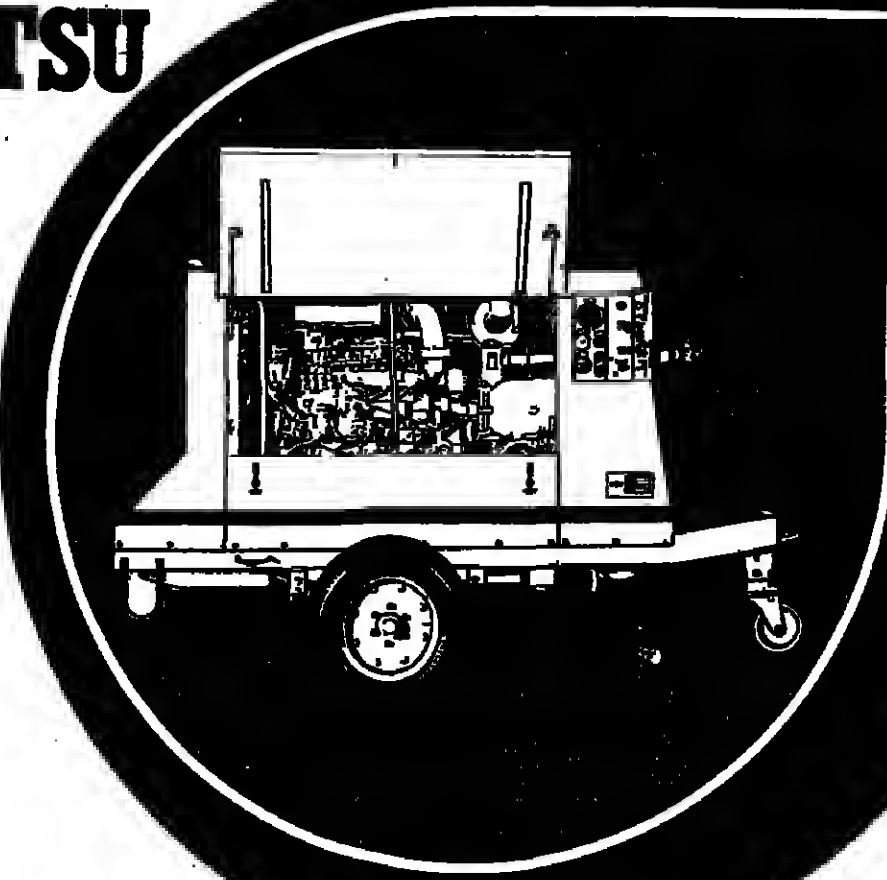
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FOUR-POINT PROPOSAL

Saudi Arabia's call on the two Yemeni republics to stop firing and start talking is a reminder of the Arab League's respect for territorial integrity, as well as Saudi Arabia's warning that the fighting may spill over beyond their frontiers.

The call was supported by a four-point proposal calculated to restore peace and tranquility—even if it does not result in a genuine rapprochement. That the divisions between the governments are wide and irreconcilable is one of the melancholy facts of Arab life, as there is hardly anything to distinguish between the people themselves.

While this is of immediate importance, the Saudi statement hit the nail on the head by calling on both sides to stop harboring defectors, and arming and supporting them in incursions against the other's territory.

South Yemen has been claiming that it was not its armed forces which crossed the border.

Sana'a rebels are apparently capturing one North Yemeni city after the other, penetrating hundreds of miles along the extended common frontier. Neither Yemen, its neighbors, nor any third rate strategist will accept such a claim. Similar suggestions were made by Vietnam in invading Cambodia and are being made by Tanzania in its march into Uganda.

If the Yemen Arab Republic has reeled temporarily before the South Yemen onslaught, this does not mean that Aden has won the war and is about to enter Sana'a in triumph. The North is vast, mountainous and inhabited mostly by rugged tribesmen who pride themselves on personal arms caches, usually stored in the basements of homes perched on towering mountains.

Preeminence in a tribe used to be judged by the number of swords and spears. It is now rated in terms of piercing armor, missiles, explosives, bazookas, machine guns and even field artillery of which there is plenty with the paramount tribal chieftains.

A lot of blood will be spilled with no clear cut victory unless there is massive and sustained foreign intervention of the kind that Saudi Arabia has cautioned against.

The Saudi appeal was timely. It is borne out by current events elsewhere in Asia and Africa. But this time the situation could be even more fraught with danger.

The Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf hold the world's largest reserves of oil and a prolonged conflict so close to the wells is bound to cause worldwide repercussions even greater than those from the suspension of Iranian oil exports.

That has already propelled oil prices upwards to nearly 100 per cent higher on the spot market than the official prices fixed by OPEC.

Fortunately, the two countries have agreed to arbitration under Arab League auspices. This should be undertaken immediately a ceasefire is declared, and before more death and destruction are caused.

GREEK SUPPORT

Greek Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis has left a good impression in Riyadh by coming out strongly in support of the Palestinians and Arabs by calling for a complete Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied territories. He has agreed that the Palestinian problem is the crux of the Middle East question, and urged that the Palestinians be allowed to exercise their right to self-determination.

While to the Arabs and other fair-minded people, this was the right thing to say, it also took courage for the leader of a West European country to say it.

East European leaders have never wavered in their support of the Palestinians but their colleagues in the West, at least until recently, have prevaricated for fear of antagonizing Israel or its supporters. But the truth is dawning on the West Europeans and, we hope, someday, it will do so in America. The trend towards the recognition of the truth in the Middle East question is satisfying to the Arabs and, hopefully, to others who can speak up on behalf of justice when it is threatened with being disregarded.

The other main point of the joint Saudi-Greek communique is the Cyprus problem. Saudi Arabia has expressed its wish to maintain the territorial integrity of the divided island, its independence and sovereignty. It called on both communities to maintain a peaceful dialogue under the auspices of the United Nations.

Greece and the Greek Cypriots are demanding the unification of the island while the Turks and the Turkish Cypriots are calling for federal state with only certain ministries reserved for the central government such as defense and foreign affairs. They cite the example of other federated states with independent local governments.

It would be a tragedy if the idyllic island of Cyprus divided into two hostile and independent states and the sooner Greece and Turkey reach an understanding on its future status the better for its people. Federation is not so bad if the two parties agree to a strong and respected central government underwritten by a firm agreement between Greece and Turkey to protect both communities.

Both communities stand to gain from closer cooperation as one nation, even if they agree to a certain measure of internal autonomy as is the case in the United States or India. A complete separation by law will only perpetuate the cleavage between them and there will be no stopping the drift to separate statehoods later.

Return to Camp David

By Michael Adams

When they proposed further Middle East peace talks which opened last week, it seemed provocative of the Americans to decide to hold them at Camp David. Since the much-trumpeted summit meeting last September, Camp David has come to symbolize for the greater part of the Arab world the culmination of a whole process of negotiation which they consider misconceived and doomed to failure.

The Americans have been left in no doubt about this widely held view—which makes one wonder whether they would have suggested a return to Camp David unless they had some fresh ideas to introduce into the talks. If they do have a new proposal to make, it can only be something to do with the Palestinian issue, since it is this obstacle that has brought the earlier negotiations to a standstill, one which neither Secretary of State Cyrus Vance nor his deputy Alfred Atherton have been able, in their subsequent visits to the Middle East, to resolve.

Speculation about a possible new initiative to break the deadlock has been encouraged by General Dayan's apparent indiscretion on Feb. 13, speaking that day (in English) to a gathering of Jewish ex-servicemen, the Israeli foreign minister—who is also his country's representative at the renewed Camp David talks—broke one of the most sacred of Israeli taboos by making an almost sympathetic reference to the Palestine Liberation Organization. Not only did he describe the PLO in terms markedly different from those always used by his own prime minister, Mr. Begin, but General Dayan seemed to imply that in order to reach an agreement over the Palestinian issue it would be necessary eventually to bring the PLO into the negotiations.

An immediate storm of protest was led by Mr. Begin himself, who told the Knesset: "I am convinced that the foreign minister did not mean to announce any change in the government's policy towards the murderous organization called the PLO." But it is difficult to see what else Dayan can have meant except that such a change might be necessary. What he actually said, according to "The Guardian's" correspondent in Jerusalem, was this:

"Then there is the problem of the PLO, which is not a state but we cannot deny their position or their value in the conflict, eventually to reach an agreement."

The syntax is uncertain, but the meaning seems clear enough. Allowing for the fact that he was speaking in a foreign language, and rounding out his elliptical phraseology, what Dayan seemed to be saying was this:

Then there is the problem of the PLO, which we do not accept as a negotiating partner because it is not a state; but we cannot exclude it in view of its position (as the representative of the Palestinians); and its importance as a party to the conflict, if we are eventually to reach an agreement.

Thus, at any rate, is how the Israelis themselves understood General Dayan's remarks. That is why the reaction on the right in Israel was one of such indignant outrage and why extreme nationalists called for his resignation. That is also why Mr. Uri Avnery, magazine editor and Knesset member for the moderate leftist Sheli party, praised Dayan for what amounted to "a recognition of the facts that the PLO exists and that no peace is possible without it."

If this interpretation is correct, Dayan was hinting at a radical change in the Israeli attitude towards the most crucial problem confronting them. It would not be the first time that this unpredictable and restless soldier-politician had struck out on a line of his own in an attempt to show his fellow-countrymen the way out of an impasse. And the impression that he was floating a trial balloon becomes all the stronger when we remember that Moshe Dayan represents Israel's main line of communication with the United States.

It was largely on account of his reputation with the Americans that Mr. Begin accepted Dayan, a renegade from the labor opposition, as his foreign minister. And the Americans have obviously been doing some hard thinking about the Middle East since they lost Iran as a mainstay of their policy in the area.

Ever since he came to office, President Carter has been trying to achieve a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict. He knows that an essential part of such a settlement must be a solution to the problem of the Palestinians, one which the Palestinians would accept—or which the Arab world could persuade them to accept—as a just settlement of at least their minimum claims. Since there was no one besides the PLO who could speak for the Palestinians, Carter tried in 1977 to bring the PLO into the negotiating process; he offered to talk to the PLO if the PLO would accept U.N. Resolution 242 (and so, implicitly, would recognize Israel). But the PLO refused to do so and Israel emphatically refused to treat with the PLO on any terms. Carter found his way blocked.

President Sadat's visit to Jerusalem suggested a new opening and stated the process which led in September 1978 to Camp David. There Carter thought he had found a formula, the formula of Palestinian "autonomy," which could satisfy at least those Arab governments which were friendly to the United States of America's "sincerity over Palestinian rights." That the PLO itself rejected the Camp David formula came as no surprise—but its rejection also by Saudi Arabia and Jordan was a great disappointment for Carter turning what should have been an outstanding triumph into a damaging reverse for American foreign policy.

On top of this has now come the debacle in Iran, where America's humiliation at the hands of the Ayatollah Khomeini has been second only to that of the Shah himself. With its Middle East policy in disarray, with its enemies exultant and its friends doubtful of America's capacity to help them, the United States badly needs to show both friends and enemies that it has not lost the power to influence events. An Arab-Israeli settlement reached under American auspices would provide such a demonstration and could restore the credit of the Carter administration.

To satisfy the Arabs, such a settlement would have to go beyond the "framework for peace" outlined at last year's Camp David meeting. It would have to be a comprehensive agreement based on a real as opposed to an illusory solution to the Palestinian problem. And this would require the inclusion of the PLO among the negotiating parties, since no one else is either willing or competent to speak for the Palestinians.

Have the Americans at last come to accept this inescapable fact? And was General Dayan's "indiscretion" the first sign of American pressure on Israel to accept it as well? It looks very like it. The Americans will have their work cut out to persuade Mr. Begin to follow suit. But sooner or later, if they are to stem the tide of anti-American feeling now running so strongly in the Middle East, they are going to have to make the attempt.

Steel trade competition

By Sam Jameson

TOKYO—

Turmoil in Iran combined with an upsurge in production in nations with small but growing steel capacity is expected to heighten competition in the global steel trade this year, the Japanese steel industry believes.

A report prepared by an executive of a large Japanese steel company, who asked not to be identified, predicted that Japanese steel exports to Iran would be slashed by at least 1.1 million tons. At the same time, European steelmakers stand to

lose at least the same tonnage from exports shipped to Iran last year.

"The inevitable result is that considerable tonnage will overflow from the Iranian market and will be diverted elsewhere, creating extra pressure on world steel trade," the report said.

For its part, Japan planned to continue restraining sales to the United States "to preserve the new sense of order in world exports" that has been created, he said, by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The executive said that many of what he called "newly industrializing nations"—South Korea, Taiwan, Brazil, Argentina, Spain, South Africa, Canada, Mexico, India and Australia—don't belong to the OECD steel committee and are expected to continue increasing their exports this year. These nations, as a group, exported almost as much steel to the United States last year—6.2 million tons—as did Japan, the largest single supplier of American imports.

Japanese shipments to the United States declined by 16 per cent in tonnage last year to about 6.5 million tons (LAT)

saudi press review

Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aha Al-Khail was quoted by "Al-Jazirah" as saying of a report on the economy by his ministry that the government is providing huge services which require large appropriations, manpower and equipment.

These included the fundamentals of roads, communications, ports and electric power. And the construction industry required a huge amount of building materials, consumer goods, equipment and foreign manpower.

Aba Al-Khail said that this demand will decrease in the next phase of development. But at present it is necessary to permit the import of such materials on a large scale so that they may be available from various sources at competitive prices.

The paper agreed, at least during the first stage of development. But once the infrastructure has been built, our demand for foreign manpower

will fall and our production of materials will rise.

In a report detailed Jeddah, "Al-Jazirah" quoted Prince Majed, minister of municipal and rural affairs, as saying that municipal officials should be more responsive to what the press is saying about the general standard of hygiene in the city.

Prince Majed had noticed that the press severely criticized the awful state of cleanliness and the large number of junk cars that litter almost every street.

Jeddah municipality claimed that it was not its job to remove the junk, but a Royal Decree announced recently that was. The paper said it was still waiting for action.

"Al-Nadwa" said that Saudi Arabia was doing its best to contain the conflict between the two-Yemeni republics on the

basis of its principles of avoiding inter-Arab conflicts and warding off foreign interference.

Calling on the adversaries to stop fighting immediately the paper said that such side conflicts will not be helpful. Intrigues are already being hatched against Arab states. Saudi Arabia was aware that such conflicts aim at dragging the Arab people into new dangers and to divert their attention from their central challenges.

"Al-Nadwa" said that it was obvious that in fighting Uganda Tanzania was trying to achieve two objectives.

— To help the anti-Amin elements in Tanzania overthrow President Amin;

— Achieve certain territorial gains at the expense of Uganda. This will be made clearer once the first ambition is fulfilled.

To be fair, the paper said, we should stress that Tanzania had all along harbored many of



Egypt's limited assistance

By Nicolas R. Tatro

CAIRO—President Anwar Sadat has given at least symbolic support to moderate Arab and African regimes to demonstrate Egypt's opposition to Soviet intrusion in the area.

Reliable sources here discount reports that Egypt has sent large numbers of troops and military hardware to Oman and the Sudan-Ethiopian border.

Western diplomats say that Egypt has thus far limited its assistance to military advisers and loans of small arms because of a lack of modern weaponry and for domestic political reasons.

Sadat has suggested this role could be expanded once a peace treaty with Israel is signed and if the United States provides Egypt with modern weapons to replace its aging Soviet-made hardware.

Gen. Ahmed Badawi, chief of state of the Egyptian army, was dispatched this week to the central African nation of Zaïre to underscore Sadat's concern over increasing Soviet influence in Africa.

"Egypt will never rest until all of Africa has been liberated from all forms of imperialism," Badawi said in toasting Zaïrean military officials in Kinshasa. "Egypt will not hesitate to extend all the co-operation it can within the limits and capabilities it can afford."

Egypt has sent small numbers of advisers, some military equipment and even a few pilots to Zaïre to help contain Katangian rebels who launched

attacks from bases in Angola, which is ruled by a Cuban- and Soviet-backed Marxist regime. Sources said Egypt's aid to Zaïre was not likely to be expanded significantly.

Reports circulating in Cairo diplomatic circles say Egypt has sent military advisers to the Sultanate of Oman to replace Iranian forces which had helped the government fend off Marxist insurgents backed by South Yemen.

But Western diplomats in Cairo dismissed reports from Beirut that as many as 7,000 Egyptian soldiers had been sent to fill the gap.

"It's possible that some advisers have been sent," one Western diplomat said. "But sending such a large number of troops would not appeal to Arab leaders in the Gulf or to the Egyptian public."

Egyptian reluctance to deploy large numbers of troops stems from the five-year-long war in Yemen during the 1960s at the peak of which Egypt had committed 50,000 troops. "It was Egypt's Vietnam and many of the current military leaders remember the heavy cost in lives and material," one diplomat observed.

However, one country that Egypt is committed to defending is Sudan. In a speech in Khartoum late last month Sadat said the "borders of Sudan are the borders of Egypt."

At the same time, he warned the Soviet Union Egypt would respond to "any call from Arab or African countries if their territorial security and destiny are threatened."

However, military analysts

in Cairo insist that Egypt not station large numbers of troops and equipment in the area, adding that such a move would be unpopular.

The Paris-based Arabic usage magazine "al Moudjahid" quoted African diplomatic sources as saying Egypt's Sudan had planned a counter-offensive to drive Ethiopian troops from an area of eastern Sudan.

The magazine claimed the United States stepped in and promised to try and arrange withdrawal with European Soviet-backed regime.

Western diplomats here fighting in the Ethiopian province of Eritrea had recently spilled over into the along the ill-defined border. That they knew of no Ethiopian occupation or U.S. mediation efforts.

The sources also said they doubted the magazine's assertions that Egypt had garrisoned in Sudan and at one point dispatched 10 paratroopers as reinforcements.

At least in part, the sources said, Sadat's strong words of limited military aid to moderate regimes in the area are designed to conciliate American public opinion of Egyptian commitment to stability in the region.

Indirectly, one Western diplomat said, it also was an attempt to demonstrate Egypt's military defense posture with other Arab states and to show that Egypt was not entering into the peace treaty with Israel as the Israelis had demanded. (AP)

the anti-Amin elements led by former President Milton Obote. "Al-Bad" took another view of the situation by saying that the Tanzanian invasion aims at overthrowing President Amin as part of an overall Soviet plan to surround Sudan, and possibly Egypt.

This is plain after the events in Ethiopia and the participation of Cuban troops in the invasion of Uganda. Sudan and Egypt had stood up to the So-



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Majmaa : the silent civil township of Sudair

By Rosalind Ingrams

Travellers on their way to Riyadh or Buraydah drive straight through the town of Majmaa without suspecting there is anything there other than the gas stations and building works which line the main road.

Majmaa, 270 kilometers north of Riyadh, means "confluence" and it used to be the capital of the pleasant fertile district known as Sudair. The Sudairi family often provided governors for the town.

To find the old town of Majmaa, the visitor must look west from the main road. He will see a substantial round watch-tower raised on a little hill at the limit of the town. By aiming for the tower, he will find himself in the heart of the old quarter.

It is a traditional Nejd town, not faceless like the new development beside the main highway. It is a "civil township" as Doughty called the towns of Central Arabia. It is well laid out, with wide tree-shaded streets. The main mosque is of smooth dried mud with a long sweep of crenellated wall and a glimpse of serried columns within. The whole town seemed to be emerging from the Friday noon prayer, and color and holiday bustle filled the streets.

But, the watchtower at the western edge stands in an almost deserted district.

The mound of rock thrusts abruptly up above the maze of mud houses. In reach the

tower requires a short climb up the shady, fossil-rich cliff.

The top of the mound is large enough for a garrison and is surrounded by a defensive wall. Our informants told us the tower was built by King Abdul Aziz, during his war with Ibn Rashid of Ha'il, from whom he reclaimed the province of Nejd in the early years of the century.

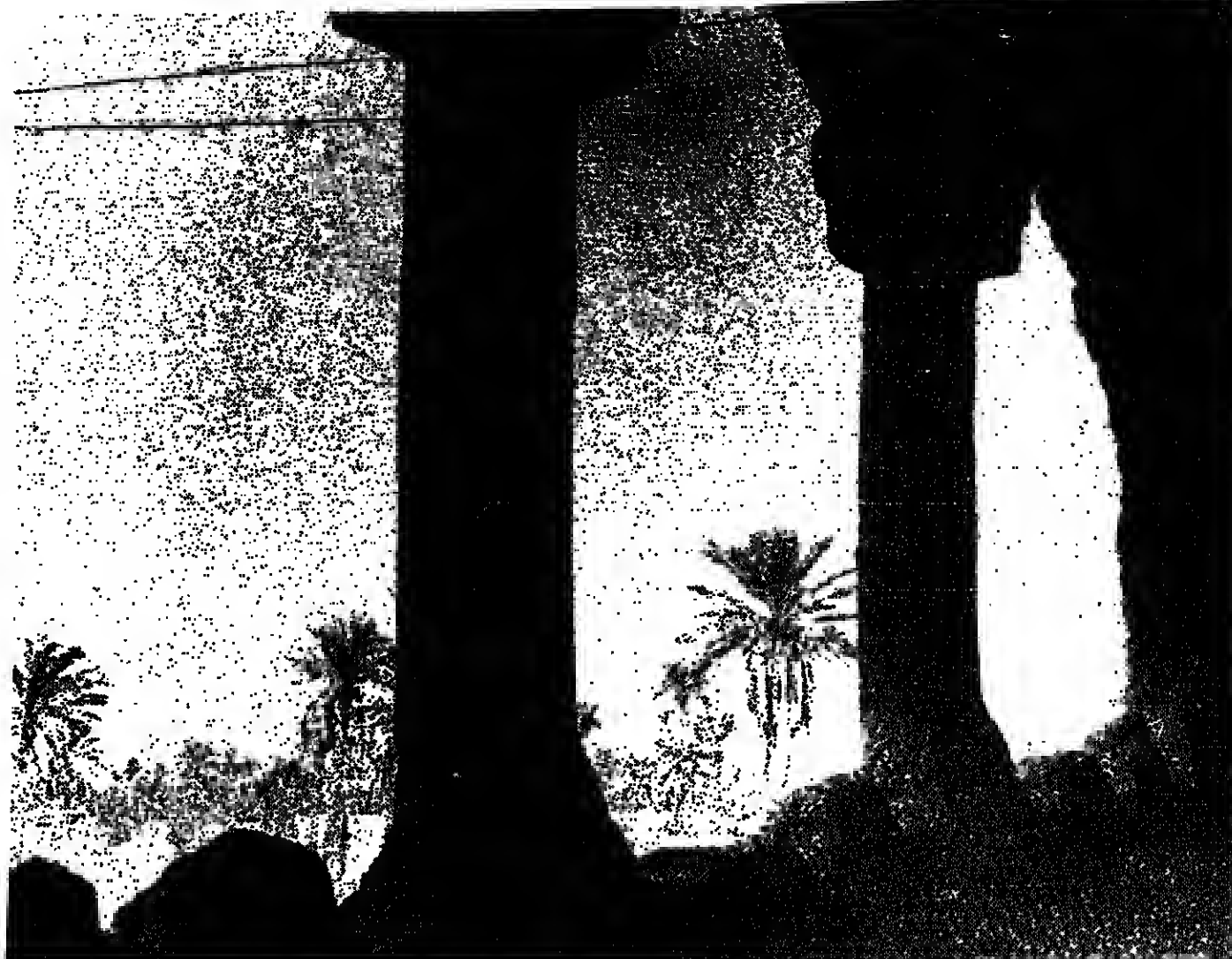
The tower stands about forty feet high, stone-built in its lower course, mud-built above. A winding way, rather than a stair, leads easily upwards inside. A wide view at the top is the reward.

Close at hand cluster the old quarters, not in the west palm groves wave in a broad crescent, and beyond stretches the great stony desert to the horizon. On the eastern side runs the Riyadh-Buraydah road, and the large modern constructions which make an awkward contrast to the close-knit cohesive pattern of mud houses and streets nearby.

Yet these houses and streets seem mostly empty and only awaiting demolition. Or perhaps they will simply crumble away, for there were yet a few signs of life.

Our small guides, whose knowledge and courtesy speak for the traditions of Majmaa, took us willingly on a tour of the area just north of the tower.

Without them we should never have found the small mosque, so discreetly similar to the other buildings in the



LOGGIA: Palm gardens stretch in a broad crescent from the loggia of the Emir's House in Majmaa.

narrow, high-walled lane. In a little antechamber for washing, a high stone trough receives water from a very deep stone-lined well sunk beside it. The dater is hoisted up in a bucket made from an inner tire tube — by pulleys from a handsome decorated wooden

water wheel. Such wheels often find their way to bric-a-brac shops and fetch high prices. But, this was still in honest service, and the mosque remains in use in its almost silent neighborhood.

"Would we like to see the Palace of the Emir? It is old, so old", and off they ran, leading us through a maze of alleyways. But they let us pause by an old house whose painted door was swinging open.

With a sort of respectful curiosity we wandered upstairs and downstairs in a house which looked only recently abandoned. The simple columns that support the ceilings had once been painted, the doors were all carved and painted though not elaborately, the deep niches in the thick walls were arched and pointed.

In spite of the desolation and decay, it was easy to conjure up life in the house. A Spanish friend was struck by its similarity, in atmosphere and aspect, to houses in Andalusia, where Arab influence still lingers.

At last we came to the House of the Emir, if such it was. Certainly it had once been very handsome, though badly ruined now. It is remarkable for its pillared upper storey, with walls of most intricate and delicate plasterwork.

In nearby Buraydah, Doughty saw similar work. In a "principal house of the town" he saw the walls pargetted with fretwork in gypsum.

"Such delicate work springs as a plant under the hands of the Semitic artificers, and is an imagery of their minds' vision of Nature," he wrote.

He wondered if there were not influence from India. Certainly, some of the motifs, notably the circle enclosing six symmetrical "petals", are of very ancient origin, and have been found in Assyrian palaces



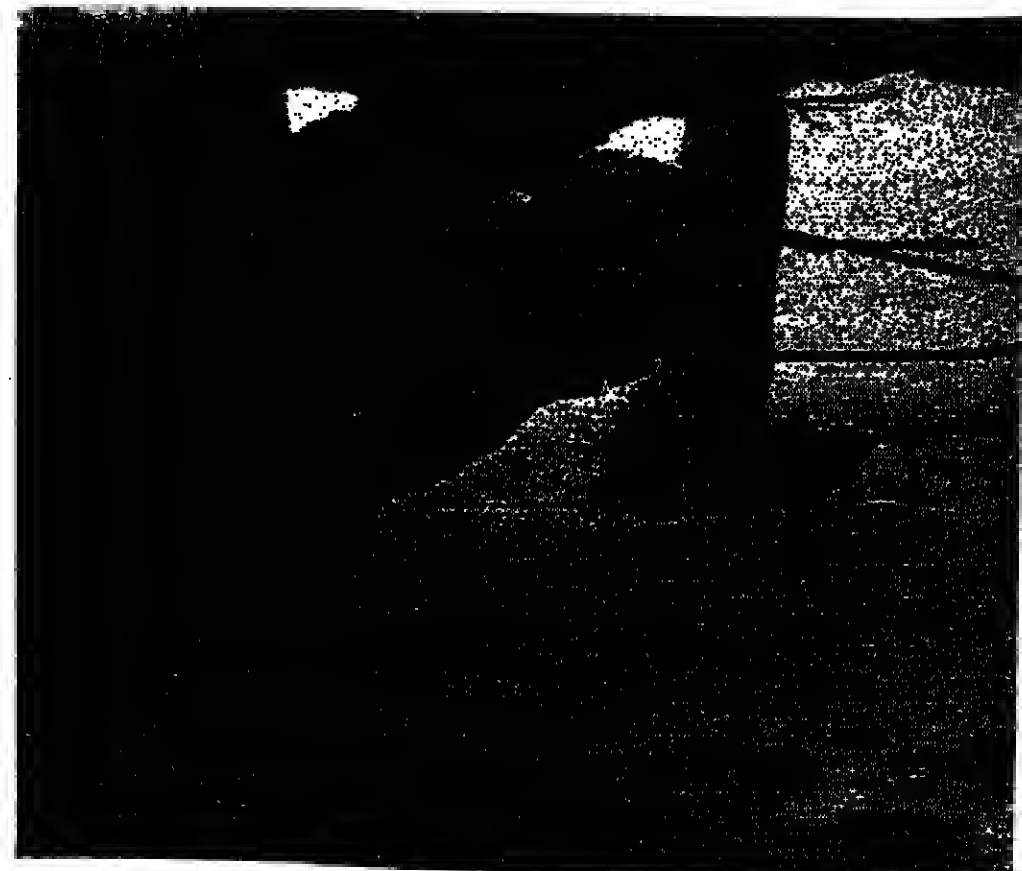
PLASTER: Intricate plasterwork in the Emir's house. The petal motif resembles Assyrian designs of the 1st millennium B.C. The ceiling is of palm fronds supported by tamarisk beams.

of 1,000 B.C.

In 1862, the English traveller, William Gifford Palgrave, paused in Majmaa on his way to Riyadh, and was entertained for the night by the governor, Abdul Mohsen Al-Sudairi.

"His palace, once centre of Sudair, is large and lofty, and he had prepared his lodgings in an upper storey, the balconies of which commanded a noble view of the mountain steppes north and east, with

the gardens and groves below in green masses at our feet." The palm gardens are still there and afford shade and gentle walks during the noon-tide heat. But the fragile bar many of the old town may not survive as long as the palm groves. The House of the Emir would be a particularly tragic loss. Our eager guides, who included young men, kept tracing the plasterwork with their hands, saying "Superb, superb" — *amran*.



WATERWHEEL: A decorated water-wheel draws up water for ablutions in a Majmaa mosque.

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Signs of order and logic in the eerie world of cell migration

By Earl Lane
NEW YORK. — With even simple microscope, it is possible to watch the movement of single-celled organisms, such as amoeba, in a drop of water. Such tiny organisms are among nature's simplest forms of life. What of the movement of another kind — those that make up the tissues of animals?

Animal cells, while possessing life, may not strike us as entities capable of movement and behavior on their own. They draw their identity from their association with other cells of the same kind. Millions of liver cells line to form a liver, skin cells form the skin, and so on.

Guest: Albrecht-Buehler, a cell biologist at the Spring Harbor Laboratory.

story on Long Island, has found ways to track isolated tissue cells as they migrate across glass slides speckled with gold particles. His research, aimed at understanding the physical movements of cells, has produced some remarkable photos taken with a powerful scanning electron microscope.

The individual cells move through an eerie landscape which looks as though it has been strewn with popcorn; at times, groups of cells flow along in concert, looking like a somewhat sinister gang of visitors from another planet. Indeed, as Albrecht-Buehler put it recently, "Science fiction fans who are looking for totally alien beings need only look through a microscope."

The ability of animal cells to move from one spot to another plays a key role in some fundamental processes: the

migration of cancer cells from the site of an initial tumor to form other tumors elsewhere in the body; the precise movement of cells within an embryo as various organ systems begin to take shape.

Thus, scientists would like to know more about the behavior of all sorts of individual cells, not just those that seem demonstrably alive in a drop of water. It is extremely difficult to track individual cells moving within a living organism, such as a developing embryo. Tracking them on glass slides simplifies matters greatly. Of course, such methods are a step removed from the world the cells normally inhabit. But for scientists who have had only limited success in tracking movements of individual body cells, any system is better than none.

Albrecht-Buehler's work has turned up some intriguing scientific results. The work suggests that individual mammalian cells do not just wander randomly, about when placed on a slide. They are capable of moving with an order and logic that had not previously been suspected. Albrecht-Buehler talks of the cells having a rudimentary form of "awareness" and even "free will." Some of the cells, when placed on a specially prepared slide, will even follow a maze-like grid. They move along in straight lines and make right-angle turns.

The tracking methods also allow Albrecht-Buehler to examine what happens when cells divide. When a parent cell splits into two offspring, about 40 per cent of the time the daughter cells will make tracks that are mirror images of

each other. About 20 per cent of the time, the tracks of the daughter cells will be identical.

"If the cells move with so much relatedness," Albrecht-Buehler said, "they must have internal instructions to follow and an ability to program changes when necessary."

Albrecht-Buehler has been trying to pinpoint the location of a central processing unit within the cells which might account for their behavior.

Albrecht-Buehler's work takes advantage of the fact that certain cells, such as those taken from the connective tissue of mice, will ingest tiny particles in their paths (Albrecht-Buehler used gold because the substance seems to have no toxic effect on the cells). As the cells move along,

they remove and ingest the gold particles in their way, leaving behind a clear path of their movement. The process is very slow — it can take a cell several days to move across a slide. But the cleared pathways give firm evidence of where the cells have traveled.

It is all reminiscent of physicist tracking subatomic particles in a bubble chamber. Albrecht-Buehler, in fact, trained first as a physicist. He brings the physicist's eye to questions of space and time in biology. "How do cells handle space?" Albrecht-Buehler asked. "Somehow they must know their positions. Are there rules in cell migration? There is some evidence that cells are able to recognize and respond to their spatial environment on a high level of complexity."

When the connective tissue cells, called fibroblasts, are placed on a slide, they start sending out tiny, needle-like extensions from their surfaces. Called filopodia, these little rods wave around until they strike a solid object. The filopodia appear to serve as tiny probes by which the cell "feels" its way along a sur-

face. As the filopodia retract back into the cell, Albrecht-Buehler has found, they drag the tiny gold particles in with them. Then new filopodia attach themselves to the surface of the glass slide and the cell starts to flatten out into the cleared area.

In some of Albrecht-Buehler's work, he uses slides with gold particles firmly attached rather than loose. Under such circumstances, the cells seem initially to prefer "walking" along the gold substrate rather than the smoother glass surface. Just why this is so remains unknown. There appears to be some quality to the gold which the cells prefer initially over glass. In turn, they prefer movement on glass to contact with other cells nearby. Such studies may help scientists to understand how spreading cells recognize one another and avoid overlapping. One of Albrecht-Buehler's most striking photos shows a single cell preparing to make a right turn onto a fixed field of gold. It has extended a leg-like fold (called a lamellipodium), the first indication that the cell will soon move in that direction. It is almost as if the cell were

giving a traffic signal.

In discussing cell migration, it is dangerous to oversimplify matters, Albrecht-Buehler cautions. But he suggests that individual cells do have a type of "awareness" which has not been appreciated. Among many cell biologists, such views remain quite controversial. But Albrecht-Buehler is convinced that such an approach to the cell is a useful research strategy. (Albrecht-Buehler's work is financed by the U.S. National Cancer Institute and the National Science Foundation).

His approach even offers some long-term implications for medical research. As Albrecht-Buehler put it, "If you want to cure an insane person, one way is to look into his brain. Cancer cells are, in a sense, 'insane.' They are healthy but their movements eventually are suicidal." The real threat of cancer is the invasion — movement — of malignant cells into healthy tissue. By searching for central processing centers of cells, Albrecht-Buehler hopes eventually to learn ways to bring the migration of malignant cells under control. — (Newsday)

BOOKSHELF

Zionist Connection: what peace? By Dr. Alfred Lilienthal. New York: Mead & Company, 672 pages. Price: \$19.95.

By Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau

Sept. 1 of last year — days before President Carter's visit to Israel — began a marathon talk at Camp David. Dr. Alfred M. Lilienthal, a prominent Zionist leader, told newsmen he avoided the leaders of the Egyptian and Israeli with a history of the circumstances surrounding the creation of Israel in 1948, for consideration of the Camp David summit.

As an anti-Zionist American Jew who has spent the greater part of his life trying to bring his view of Israel to the attention of the American public, Lilienthal has been a source of some embarrassment to the pro-Israeli elements of official Washington.

A Columbia Law School graduate and former State Department employee, Lilienthal, an author and historian, edits a monthly newsletter called "Middle East Perspective."

Lilienthal's most famous work is his book "What Price Israel?" published in 1953. Its logical successor is the newly released "Zionist Connection," Lilienthal's history of Zionism and the Zionist movement in the United States.

Lilienthal's material detailed efforts to bring about a U.N. partition vote on the issue. It rebuffed recent claims that the State Department betrayed President Truman by undermining his East policy. And it described Truman as "the pivotal figure in the establishment of the State of Israel."

Lilienthal's press conference drew little attention in the press. There is no doubt that the material he presented to the Camp David summit had any effect on the discussions at the Maryland retreat.

"The Zionist Connection" promises to become a classic. The work covers four main areas in its 600-plus pages: the history of events and attitudes leading up to the creation of Israel; Zionist attempts to disguise certain realities of the Arab-Israeli conflict; recent moves to "cover over" that cover-up and the role of Zionism in American politics since the Eisenhower era.

Everything you wanted to know about Zionism but were afraid to ask, is here.

— How Israel became a nuclear power;



— Moshe Dayan's involvement in the "Liberty" incident, which cost the lives of 34 Americans;

— Zionist manipulation of Congress and the administration.

— The use of the Nazjare as a political tool to promote support for Israel;

— How the Zionists launched an advertising boycott of "The New York Times" in 1946 to change its editorial policy on the Palestine question;

— The Zionist movement's manipulation of the U.S. television networks.

Chapter Three, "The Creation of Israel Revisited," is the 52-page history Lilienthal provided to the Camp David participants.

The chapter reviews Zionist efforts to shape American foreign policy through President Truman.

Lilienthal maintains that in 1948 both Truman and the State Department agreed that the U.N. partition of Palestine

could not be carried out at that time "by peaceful means," and that a temporary U.S. trusteeship over the area would be the best short-term solution.

This support for a trusteeship outraged American Zionists, who felt Truman had betrayed them. They stepped up political pressure on the president, and as the November 1948 elections approached, Truman reversed U.S. policy once again, abandoning the trusteeship idea and announcing U.S. recognition of Israel, eleven minutes after the expiration of the British mandate in Palestine, on May 14, 1948.

Lilienthal draws White House Special Counsel Clark Clifford as the villain in this piece, the man he says who persuaded Truman to recognize the new Jewish state for domestic political reasons.

Lilienthal quotes Secretary of State George Marshall as opposing Clifford's advice. Marshall recalled in a memorandum:

"The transparent dodge to win a few votes would not in fact achieve this purpose. The great dignity of the office (of President) would be seriously diminished... I said bluntly (to Truman) that if the President were to follow Mr. Clifford's advice and if in the elections I were to vote, I would vote against the President."

"The Zionist Connection" is a contribution to "a great Middle East debate that should take place before, rather than after, catastrophe strikes again in that already harassed portion of the globe."

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Dogged Kiwis can save Test

AUCKLAND, Feb. 27 (R)—New Zealand battled slowly but surely for survival in the third Test against Pakistan here Tuesday and, with only one day's play remaining may have denied the tourists their second win of the three-Test series.

By the close, New Zealand had reached 231 for five in their second innings — an overall lead of 126. If it can bat through to lunch Wednesday, the home team should have enough runs on the board to have saved the Test.

New Zealand made slow progress Tuesday, scoring only 180 runs and losing four wickets in the process. Only a dogged, a fighting innings of 71 by captain Mark Burgess saved New Zealand from disaster.

He received good support from young John Reid, who batted 115 minutes for 19 and later from first innings hero Jeremy Coney, who was the most aggressive of the Kiwis with an unbeaten 41.

Imran Khan, Sarfraz Nawaz and Sikander Bakht were a formidable trio which kept the pressure up on the New Zealand batting.

Spassky takes Munich lead as Karpov is mired

MUNICH, Feb. 27 (AP)—Former world champion Boris Spassky took sole possession of first place Monday as current title holder Anatoly Karpov became mired in a second-round match of the International Grandmasters Chess Tournament.

Spassky, of the Soviet Union, played an aggressive, convincing game to defeat Gunnar Sigurdsson of Iceland, who had drawn Karpov in the first round.

Europe lures tennis stars with cash

LONDON, Feb. 27 (R)—This summer's European tennis circuit will tempt the world's top players with the prospect of sharing over twice 1978's total prize money.

"The increase is all part of our bid to attract the world's best players to Europe," said France's Philippe Chatrier, president of the International Tennis Federation (ITF).



AGGRESSIVE: W. Indies paceman Michael Holding who captured the vital wicket of Trevor Chappell Monday and snuffed up catches from Thomson and Gilmour at point.

369-run victory

W. Indies run off with Supertest

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 27 (AP)—The West Indies completed a decisive 369-run victory over Australia five minutes after lunch on the fourth day of the first World Series Cricket Supertest Monday in Jamaica.

The Australians, facing an impossible target of 563 to win, were struggling at 91 for four when they resumed their second innings and they of-

fered little resistance, falling for 194 all out. Last man Jeff Thomson lasted only six deliveries after the interval before he was caught at point trying to lift Richard Austin out of the ground. Bright did not add to his lunch score and was left high and dry after seeing six of his partners fall at the other end.

The West Indies picked up 27,200 for the victory and its

captain Olive Lloyd \$250 for being named Man of the Match for his brilliant 197 in the West Indies second innings.

The Australian lost overnight batsman Trevor Chappell in the day's second over, bowled by fast bowler Michael Holding with only one run added, and, after an aggressive partnership of 66 in an hour between Ray Bright and Martin Kent had been broken, the innings proceeded to a rapid end.

Bright, an all-rounder sent in as nightwatchman late Sunday, batted with no difficulty to be 47 not out at lunch. But, apart from Kent's cheerful 31, he received no support from his partners.

Kent struck the ball confidently, being particularly severe on fast bowler Colin Croft. He hit Croft for all his five fours but the big West Indian had the last laugh when he won a Leg Before Wicket decision against Kent.

Ping-pong diplomacy spreads to Koreans

PANMUNJOM, Korea, Feb. 27 (R)—North and South Korean representatives met here Tuesday to discuss the formation of a joint team for the world table tennis championships at Pyongyang in April.

The two delegations were led by the head of the South Korean Table Tennis Association, Chae Weong-Chae, and his northern counterpart, Kim Duk-Jin.

Tuesday's meeting followed a North Korean proposal last Tuesday to form a single Korean team, and to hold a meeting between representatives of both associations at this border armistice village.

The South Korean Association welcomed the proposal as a favorable response to South Korean calls for sporting and other exchanges between the two Koreas, bitter enemies since the 1950-1953 Korean War.

Such exchanges would "greatly contribute toward maintaining peaceful South-North relations," the southern association said last Saturday.

Last week, Tony Brooks, secretary of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), said the ruling body would not accept a joint team for the world championships.

Sports Shorts

NEW DELHI: "No cricket match on Indian soil will be allowed for more than two hours in one day," a member of Parliament declared, touching off an uproar in Parliament's Lower House. "We will make ourselves the laughing stock of the world," yelled Kanwar Lal Gupta, a colleague of ruling Janata party member Ramji Singh who moved the bill Friday. Any team or player found breaking the rule should be sentenced to at least three months hard labor, Singh said.

TOKYO: About 500 athletes from 30 nations are expected to compete in the Asian track and field meeting in Tokyo from May 31 to June 3, the Japan Track and Field Association announced Tuesday. But the association said Israel as not included in the invitation event under instructions of the Asian Amateur Athletic Association (AAAA). It said only Israeli officials are expected to attend the AAAA's general meeting because Israel is a member of the 34-nation Asian body.



JEDDAH BOWLERS: A globe is no hindrance for young Saudis at the Jeddah Bowling Center tournament.

31 couples bowl for Jeddah trophies

JEDDAH, Feb. 27—Thirty-one couples took part in a "Scotch Doubles" tournament at the Jeddah Bowling Center here last week, according to Sheikh Ahmad Dakhlil, the director of the recently open-

ed center. A Jeddah couple, Mr. and Mrs. Hooper scored 754 points from five games to win the event, in which the lady takes the first bowl while the man uses

the spare. They were awarded trophies by Sheikh Ahmad at the center.

The next evening tournament at the center is scheduled for March 13.



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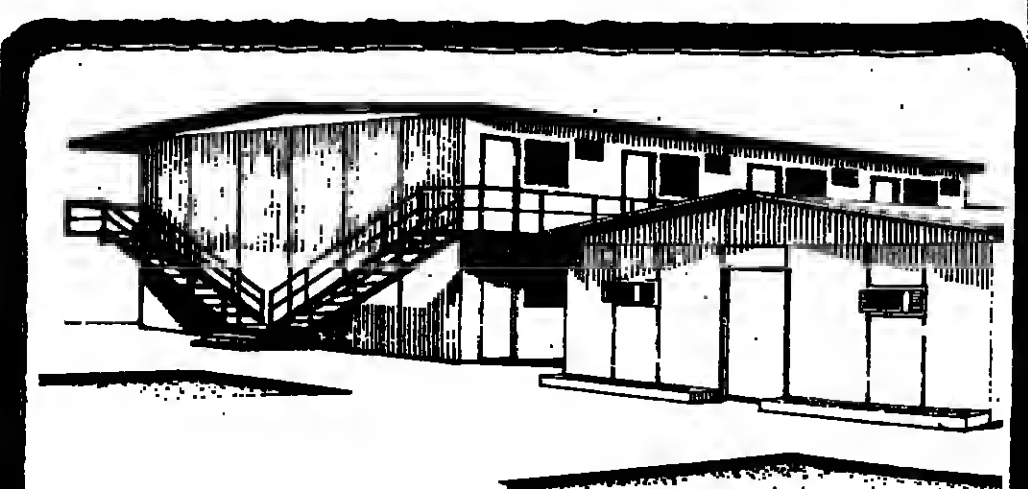
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Ipswich through

Arsenal edges out Forest from final 8 of F.A. Cup

LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Arsenal, beaten finalist to last year's English FA Cup final, Monday defeated English champion Nottingham Forest, 1-0, at the County Ground to qualify for the quarterfinals of this year's competition.

Arsenal survived tremendous pressure for much of the game before Frank Stapleton headed his twenty-first goal of the season from a Liam Brady free kick 10 minutes from full time.

Forest, almost invincible at home for the past two seasons, came desperately close to

equalizing when John Robertson hit a post with five minutes remaining.

Cup holder Ipswich went on a goal rampage against Second Division Bristol Rovers at Portman Road.

Ipswich won, 6-1, with goals from Alan Brazil (2), Mick Mills, Arnold Mubren, David Geddis and Paul Mariner. Steve White replied.

Ipswich and Arsenal were joined in the quarterfinals by an improving Wolverhampton Wanderers team, 1-0 winner over Second Division Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park. Mar-

tin Patching netted the only goal of the match after just two minutes.

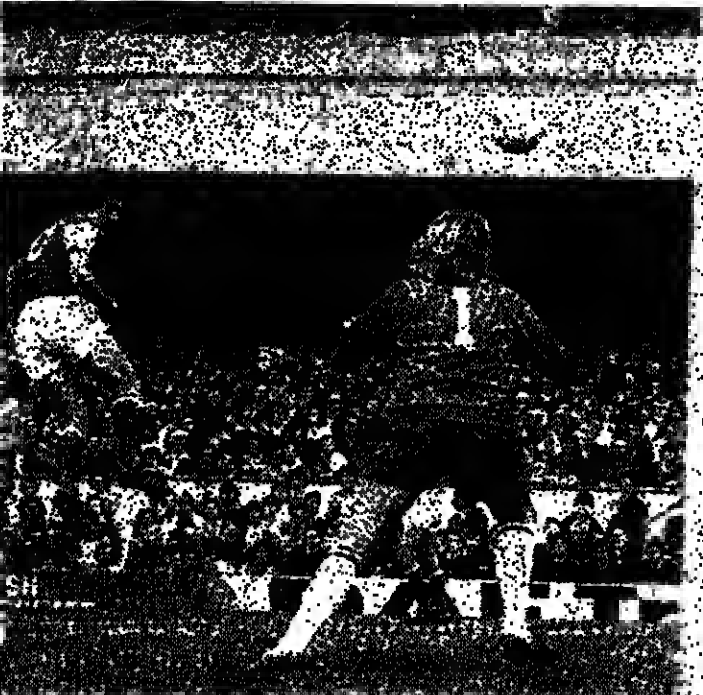
In the outstanding fourth-round matches, also played Monday, West Bromwich and Leeds United drew, 3-3, while Burnley downed Sunderland 3-0, and Oldham ousted Leicester, 3-1.

In the Hawthorns, Leeds trailed West Bromwich, 1-3. But Goals from Arthur Graham and Carl Harris earned the visitors Thursday's replay, cancelling out West Bromwich's efforts from Laurie Cunningham, Ally Brown and Cyril Regis. Frank Gray scored Leeds' opening goal.

Leeds, banned from playing home Cup matches this season after crowd disturbances, must return to the Hawthorns for the third time in a week Thursday.

Paul Fischer, Billy Ingham and Steve Kindon netted the goals that gave Burnley its shock win at Sunderland.

Other Results
 Shrewsbury 3 Aldershot 1 (after extra time and replay)
 Division Two
 Luton 1 West Ham 4
 Division Three
 Mansfield vs. Rotherham — postponed
 Division Four
 Reading 3 Hartlepool 1
 Stockport 0 Southport 2
 Scottish Cup —
 third round
 Dundee Utd. 0 St. Mirren 2
 St. Johnstone 2 Morton 4 (replay)
 Scottish Cup —
 fourth round
 Kilmarnock 0 Rangers 1 (replay)
 Celtic 3 Berwick 0



WINNER: Frank Stapleton's header from a Brady cross clinched Arsenal's victory 10 minutes before time—though it was a near thing.

Standings in English League divisions

LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP) — Standings in the English League after Saturday's games:

| Division One | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts. |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Liverpool | 25 | 19 | 3 | 3 | 58 | 10 | 41 |
| Arsenal | 27 | 14 | 8 | 5 | 45 | 23 | 36 |
| Everton | 27 | 13 | 10 | 4 | 37 | 23 | 36 |
| Leeds | 28 | 13 | 9 | 6 | 51 | 33 | 35 |
| West Bromwich | 24 | 14 | 6 | 4 | 49 | 24 | 34 |
| Nottingham Forest | 23 | 10 | 11 | 2 | 27 | 15 | 31 |
| Bristol City | 29 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 34 | 35 | 28 |
| Manchester United | 25 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 36 | 42 | 27 |
| Coventry | 26 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 33 | 43 | 27 |
| Southampton | 27 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 32 | 32 | 27 |
| Tottenham | 27 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 29 | 43 | 27 |
| Aston Villa | 23 | 7 | 11 | 5 | 28 | 21 | 25 |
| Ipswich | 26 | 10 | 4 | 12 | 34 | 34 | 24 |
| Norwich | 25 | 5 | 14 | 6 | 34 | 39 | 24 |
| Manchester City | 26 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 36 | 33 | 23 |
| Derby | 25 | 8 | 6 | 11 | 29 | 44 | 22 |
| Bolton | 24 | 7 | 6 | 11 | 31 | 42 | 20 |
| Wolverhampton | 26 | 8 | 3 | 15 | 25 | 46 | 19 |
| Middlesbrough | 25 | 6 | 6 | 13 | 32 | 36 | 18 |
| Queens Park Rangers | 26 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 24 | 38 | 18 |

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|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Chelsea | 26 | 4 | 6 | 16 | 29 | 56 | 14 |
| Birmingham | 26 | 3 | 4 | 19 | 22 | 43 | 10 |
| Division Two | | | | | | | |
| Brighton | 28 | 15 | 5 | 8 | 48 | 27 | 35 |
| Stoke | 27 | 12 | 11 | 4 | 37 | 23 | 35 |
| Crystal Palace | 27 | 10 | 14 | 3 | 35 | 19 | 34 |
| West Ham | 25 | 13 | 6 | 6 | 51 | 26 | 32 |
| Sunderland | 27 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 45 | 35 | 32 |
| Fulham | 27 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 35 | 29 | 29 |
| Charlton | 26 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 42 | 37 | 28 |
| Oxford | 27 | 11 | 5 | 11 | 36 | 32 | 27 |
| Nottingham | 26 | 8 | 11 | 7 | 33 | 43 | 27 |
| Luton | 26 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 43 | 31 | 26 |
| Cambridge | 27 | 7 | 12 | 8 | 32 | 34 | 26 |
| Bristol Rovers | 26 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 37 | 43 | 26 |
| Burnley | 24 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 36 | 38 | 25 |
| Leicester | 27 | 7 | 11 | 9 | 29 | 31 | 25 |
| Newcastle | 26 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 26 | 31 | 25 |
| Preston | 25 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 38 | 40 | 24 |
| Wrexham | 21 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 25 | 22 | 21 |
| Sheffield United | 24 | 6 | 7 | 11 | 30 | 37 | 19 |
| Oldham | 24 | 6 | 7 | 11 | 28 | 43 | 19 |
| Cardiff | 24 | 6 | 5 | 13 | 26 | 52 | 17 |
| Millwall | 24 | 5 | 5 | 14 | 21 | 38 | 15 |
| Blackburn | 25 | 3 | 9 | 13 | 25 | 46 | 15 |



CLUTCH SHOT: Joanne Carner hits a clutch shot Monday on her way to a final-round 68 and shared third prize at the Orange Blossom classic.

With record 11 under par

Blalock wins 2nd Orange Blossom

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 27 (AP) — Jane Blalock shot a 69 Monday for a tournament-record 204 total that gave her a six-stroke victory in the \$75,000 LPGA Orange Blossom Classic.

Blalock's 11-under-par total helped her become only the second player to win the tournament two straight years in its 26-year history. Kathy Whitworth won the event in 1968, 1969 and '70.

Her score bested Amy Alcott's nine-under-par total in 1975 on the par 71, 6,109-yard Pasadena Golf Club Course. Blalock picked up the first prize of \$11,250.

Sandra Post shot a 70 Monday to finish second, earning \$7,500. Joanne Carner shot a final-round 68 for a total of 213 that tied her with Pat Bradley for third.

Silvia Bertolaccini, who be-

gan Monday in second place, three strokes behind Blalock, shot a 76 to finish tied for fifth at 214 with Laura Baugh, Judy Rankin and Alice Mil-

lone. Bertolaccini tied a Ladies Professional Golf Association record here Saturday with a 29 on the front nine in the second round.

The final round was rescheduled for Monday after heavy rains and wind prevented play Sunday.

Leading scorers

LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP) — Leading scorers in the English League:

Division One
 Frank Worthington, Bolton, 17
 Kenny Dalglish, Liverpool, 16
 Frank Stapleton, Arsenal, 16
 Jimmy Greenhoff, Man. United, 15
 Alastair Brown, Wba 14
 Bob Latchford, Everton, 14
 Liam Brady, Arsenal, 14
Division Two
 Pop Robson, West Ham, 21
 Gary Rowell, Sunderland, 20
 Alex Bruce, Preston, 19
 Alan Biley, Cambridge, 18
 Mick Flanagan, Charlton, 16

Menotti says

Argentine exiles out of national team tour

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 27 (AP) — Cesar Menotti, rehired as coach to defend Argentina's World Cup in 1982, says Argentine players for European Clubs will not be recruited for the national selection's European tour this spring.

The decision announced in an interview published Monday by the newspaper "Clarín" means Argentina will face Holland, Italy and other European rivals without at least five players that helped it win the World Cup last June.

Menotti also told "Clarín" it could not, at the moment, seek legal measures to prevent other members of the national team from signing contracts with foreign clubs that might exclude their participation in the 1982 World Cup.

After helping Argentina win the cup, Daniel Berti left to play for Sevilla in Spain, Ricardo Villa and Osvaldo Ardiles signed with Tottenham Hotspur and Alberto Tarantini joined Birmingham, in England. Mario Kempes, the only Argentine player brought back from abroad for the 1976 World Cup, returned to his club Valencia in Spain.

Menotti said it might be possible to recruit these pla-

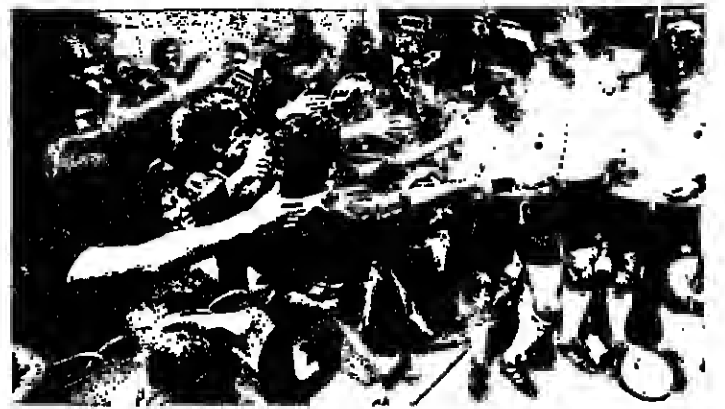
yers for Argentina's May 22 match in Bern, Switzerland, against Holland, the 1976 World Cup runner-up, and a later contest against Italy. But he added, "I want to have a stable relation with players who can continue with me until the next World Cup. I'm not going to call players from abroad. If we're close to '82 and see that a position is not well covered and someone abroad can cover it better than anyone here, then we will call him. But as always the priority will be with those who are playing in our country."

Kuwait confirms it's eying Sir Alf

KUWAIT, Feb. 27 (R) — Kuwait is negotiating with former England manager Sir Alf Ramsey for the job of Kuwaiti soccer supremo, officials said here Tuesday.

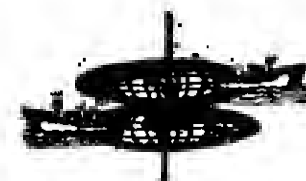
Sir Alf, who guided England to World Cup victory against West Germany 13 years ago, is visiting the country after recent talks in London.

Don Revie, England manager after Ramsey, is in charge of soccer in the United Arab Emirates.



LONDONER NOW: Osvaldo Ardiles, left, greeting the London crowd at a recent Tottenham match.

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To Congress

Carter submits new energy plans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP) — The administration of President Jimmy Carter is sending Congress standby plans for gasoline rationing and other energy-saving measures that will probably include allocation of crude oil among refineries and restriction on weekend retail sales of gasoline and diesel.

Administration officials said the plans were to be sent to Capitol Hill Tuesday.

Any gasoline rationing plans probably will be based on the assignment of coupons to owners of registered vehicles, according to sources who asked for anonymity. The coupons could be freely bought and sold.

Published reports have said the rationing plans would limit motorists to less than two gallons of gasoline a day. But Jim Bishop, an Energy Department spokesman, strongly denied these reports Monday night calling them a "total fabrication."

He added that the administration plans contain "no reference to a specific gallonage"

in gasoline rationing plans.

Energy Secretary James Schlesinger told the House Budget Committee last week that the loss of Iranian oil production during the political turmoil there could lead to mandatory steps to insure an adequate supply of heating oil next winter, causing a reduction in "gasoline availability."

"There will be a gasoline

problem — in all likelihood — through summer," Schlesinger said.

Iran's revolutionary government has said it will resume oil exports soon, but it has not disclosed how much oil will be exported or to whom.

Meanwhile, White House and Energy Department spokesmen have emphasized that no emergency is anticipated

soon. Bishop did not disclose details of the standby plans, but said they generally would follow the outlines which officials have recently discussed in public.

During congressional testimony earlier this month, David Bardin, head of the Energy Department's Economic Regulatory Administration, said mandatory fuel-saving may become necessary if voluntary conservation is not effective.

He outlined mandatory measures as possibly including federally imposed allocations of crude oil among refineries and allocations of gasoline, fuel oil and other refined products at the wholesale level.

Bardin said direct consumer rationing would be considered only as a last-ditch option.

Energy officials have also said they may have to restrict weekend sales of gasoline and diesel fuel, even ordering Sunday closings.

Kahn hopes U.S. inflation drops in coming months

DETROIT, Feb. 27 (AP) — Alfred Kahn, President Jimmy Carter's chief inflation-fighter, said Monday he hoped to see the American inflation rate decline "in the next three to six months."

But the hope is based on the assumption that the U.S. Congress will approve the Carter administration's real wage insurance proposal, he said.

The proposal would provide tax credits for workers who agree to keep their demands within the White House's seven per cent wage guideline. The tax credit would be triggered if the rate of inflation exceeded that limit.

Kahn gave the proposal a 50-50 chance of passage. Kahn refused to grade his performance in holding down inflation, which climbed 0.9 per cent last month.

"I hope in the next three to six months we'll see a tapering off in the rate of inflation," he said. "Labor is coming in with major contracts within the seven per cent limit."

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| " " " | Temporary asphaltting in Bahra and Jomum villages under Mecca municipality | 100-98/99 | 500 | May 5 |
| " " " | Vegetable and meat market of 20 shops in Jarama village | 101-98/99 | 300 | May 6 |
| " " " | Building of two lavatories in Jomum and Jarama villages | 102-98/99 | 100 | May 7 |
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CHANGES PAST 24 HRS. DATE: 1.4.1399/27.2.1979
TIME: 0700 HRS.

| 1-Vessels Working | Name of the Ship | Agent | Type of cargo | Arrival Date |
|-------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------|--------------|
| 2-Berth No. | | | | |
| 1 | BARON PENTLAND | GULF | BULK WHEAT | 24.2.1979 |
| 2 | IRIS | U.E.P. | GENERAL | 24.2.1979 |
| 3 | KOTA MAWAR | GULF | LOADING UREA | 24.2.1979 |
| 4 | ILANPOLLY | KANOO | GENERAL | 24.2.1979 |
| 5 | FIDES PROGRESS | U.E.P. | SUGAR IN BAGS | 24.2.1979 |
| 6 | TOBIAS MAERSK | KANOO | GENERAL CONTAINER | 24.2.1979 |
| 7 | MAX RECHPITSCH | KANOO | GEN. CONT. MARBLE | 24.2.1979 |
| 8 | RECHPITSCH | BARBER | STEEL BARS | 24.2.1979 |
| 9 | STAR EMERALD | ALSAADA | GENERAL | 24.2.1979 |
| 10 | PATRICIA-M | GUSAIBI | C. CEMENT IN BAGS | 24.2.1979 |
| 11 | NEW EXCELLENCE | MUREZA | LIVE SHEEP | 24.2.1979 |
| 12 | KHALI EXPRESS | G. FAMA | LIVE SHEEP | 24.2.1979 |

Vessels Working at Anchorage

| | | | |
|-------------|-------|---------|-----------|
| AL SOLABIAH | KANOO | GENERAL | 24.2.1979 |
|-------------|-------|---------|-----------|

2-Recent Arrivals

| | | | |
|----------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| NEW EXCELLENCE | MUREZA | BULK CEMENT | 24.2.1979 |
| BARGE QN-116 | BARBER | STEEL BARS | 24.2.1979 |
| IRIS | U.E.P. | GENERAL | 24.2.1979 |
| PATRICIA-M | GUSAIBI | C. CEMENT IN BAGS | 24.2.1979 |
| SPRICE | GUSAIBI | LASH BARGES | 24.2.1979 |
| KHALI EXPRESS | S. WASLA | LIVE SHEEP | 24.2.1979 |
| AMBER | KANOO | C. CEMENT | 24.2.1979 |
| TOBIAS MAERSK | KANOO | GENERAL CONTAINER | 24.2.1979 |
| MAX RECHPITSCH | KANOO | GEN. CONT. MARBLE | 24.2.1979 |

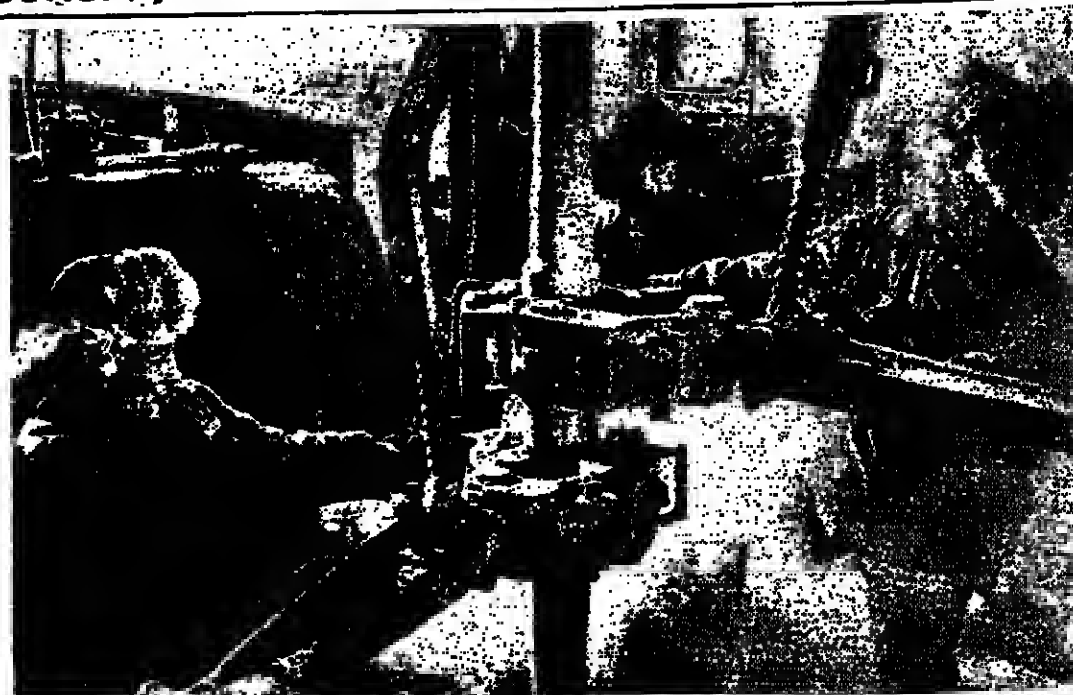
3-Vessels Expected With in 24 Hours

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|---------------|--------|---------|-----------|
| BARGE GLOBAL | U.E.P. | GENERAL | 24.2.1979 |
| IMPERIAL STAR | U.E.P. | GENERAL | 24.2.1979 |
| SAN PEDRO | U.E.P. | GENERAL | 24.2.1979 |
| BRAN ISLAND | U.E.P. | GENERAL | 24.2.1979 |
| STRAIGHTWAY | U.E.P. | GENERAL | 24.2.1979 |
| PAG | U.E.P. | GENERAL | 24.2.1979 |

4-Tonnages Discharged:(Freight Tons): 38, 651

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

Note: Importers having goods on the above mentioned ships should complete their formalities as soon as possible. For any inquiries please contact the Shipping Agents.



TACHING: Drillers in the bitter cold of China's Taching oilfield, the country's largest. Reflecting China's increasing economic prominence, it has been reported that Peking wishes to join the International Monetary Fund.

Raise in Kuwait, Venezuela crude lowers value of dollar

LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP) — Reports Kuwait and Venezuela may raise the price of their crude oil drove down marginally the value of the dollar in Japan and Europe Tuesday.

European gold prices also fell in early trading. Gold was quoted at \$247.875 an ounce in Zurich against \$249.875 at the close Monday. In London, Europe's other major bullion center, it was quoted at \$247.80 against \$248.375.

Here are prices for the dollar early Tuesday, compared with prices late Monday: Frankfurt—1.8437 West German marks, down from 1.8452. Zurich—1.6595 Swiss francs, down from 1.6615. Paris—4.25625 French francs, down from 4.2625. Milan—\$39.25 Italian lire, down from 840.15. Amsterdam—1.9925 Dutch guilders, down from 1.9945.

In London it cost slightly more to buy a British pound, \$2.02705 against \$2.0212. In Tokyo, where markets shut for the day before those in Europe open, the dollar closed at 202.025 Japanese yen, down from 202.05 at the close Monday.

Exchange rate controls

Pretoria to sever rand-dollar link

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 27 (R) — South Africa is about to take its final step in cutting the rand adrift from the U.S. dollar, Finance Minister Owen Horwood said Monday.

Horwood told parliament that from Tuesday the value of the rand would be determined by supply and demand, with South Africa's Reserve Bank stepping in to buy and sell dollars to control the exchange rate.

South Africa announced its plans to end the rand-dollar link last month, as part of a package of measures to stimulate foreign investment in the country and promote economic growth.

Since then, the Reserve Bank has announced a two-stage change in the exchange rate moving the rand from \$1.15 to \$1.18.

But Horwood said Monday

that these had been transitional arrangements.

"From tomorrow, Feb. 27, we shall proceed to allow the value of rand to be determined by supply and demand in the foreign exchange market," he said.

U.K. trade aide to visit Egypt

LONDON, Feb. 27 (R) — British Trade Secretary John Smith will visit Egypt from April 19 to 23 to discuss trade and economic matters, it was announced Monday.

Smith will be accompanied by Middle East trade specialist members of the British Overseas Trade Board.

Last year, Britain exported about \$412 million worth of goods to Egypt, chiefly machinery and transport and telecommunications equipment. It imported about \$204 million worth of goods, chiefly raw cotton and other primary produce.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

| Opening Tuesday | SAMA rate | Cash | Transfer |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------|----------|
| U.S. Dollar | 3.36 | 3.37 | 3.37 |
| Pound Sterling | 6.67 | 6.80 | 6.82 |
| Deutsche Mark | 1.82 | 182.50 | 183.00 |
| Swiss F | 2.02 | 203.00 | 203.25 |
| French F | 0.79 | 79.25 | 79.25 |
| Italian Lira (1000) | 0.40 | 4.05 | 4.05 |
| Lebanese Lira (100) | — | 109.00 | 108.50 |
| Syrian Lira (100) | — | 80.00 | 86.65 |
| Egyptian Pound | — | 4.53 | 4.82 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | — | 12.50 | 12.50 |
| Jordanian Dinar | — | 11.35 | 11.35 |
| Emirate Dirham (100) | — | 87.25 | 87.25 |
| Qatari Riyal (100) | — | 87.25 | 87.25 |
| Bahraini Dinar | — | 8.72 | 8.72 |
| Iranian Riyal (100) | — | 41.00 | — |
| Iraqi Dinar | — | 9.50 | — |
| Yemeni Riyal (100) | — | 74.10 | — |
| Moroccan Dirham (100) | — | 80.00 | 88.25 |
| Indian Rupee (100) | — | — | 41.50 |
| Pakistani Rupee (100) | — | — | 34.30 |
| Gold kg | — | 27,200 | — |
| 10 Tolas bar | — | 3,200 | — |
| Silver kg bar | — | 700 | — |
| Japanese yen (100) | 1.67 | — | — |
| Canadian dollar | 2.81 | — | — |
| Belgian franc (10) | 1.15 | — | — |
| Dutch guilder | 1.68 | — | — |
| Italian Lira (100) | 0.40 | — | — |

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

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Peking ready to join the IMF

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (R) — China intends to join the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the world economic organization with headquarters in Washington, but only if Taiwan is ousted from the body first, Japan's Kyodo News Agency reported Monday, quoting Chinese Vice Premier Ten Hsiangping.

Teng made the statement in an interview with Kyodo president Takeji Watanabe, the agency said.

Teng was quoted as saying that China planned to join the IMF, if the Taiwan issue was solved.

Taiwan is a member of the IMF and China refuses to join any world organizations until Taiwan is ousted from them.

Asked if the Chinese government was ready to make public economic statistics as required by the IMF for accession to the world monetary body Teng replied that foreign governments possessed basic data about China's economy even though Peking did not make them public, Kyodo reported.

He was quoted as saying foreign countries calculated China's output of grains and Chinese population. Their calculations were "not far wrong", he said.

Teng told Watanabe that officials were also studying the question of China's taking part in the Asian Development Bank.

In Peking, U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal told a top Chinese official Monday that he wanted to see the Bank of China on Wall Street. Blumenthal is in Peking for talks on widening trade and financial links with China.

PORTS AUTHORITY
JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORTSHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF
27TH FEBRUARY 1979

| 1-VESSELS | 27TH FEBRUARY 1979 | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|--|
| DISCHARGING | | | | | |
| BERTH | VESSEL | AGENT | CARGO | ARR. DATE | |
| 1A | — | — | — | — | |
| 1 | — | — | — | — | |
| 2 | — | — | — | — | |
| 3 | — | — | — | — | |
| 4 | BARGES EX | — | GEN./BGD. RICE/BGD. | — | |
| 5 | ATLANTIC FOREST | KANOO | FLOUR/BULK RICE | 26/2/1979 | |
| 6 | SAUDI PRINCE | OCEAN TRD | GEN./STL./PAPER/LUB. | 25/2/1979 | |
| 7 | BLUE OCEAN | HAABOUD | OIL | — | |
| 8 | — | — | GENERAL | 7/2/1979 | |
| 9 | — | — | — | — | |
| 10 | DIMITRIOS | ABUSHAL | DURRA | 26/2/1979 | |
| 11 | — | — | — | — | |
| 12 | — | — | — | — | |
| 13 | MOUNT OLYMPUS | ANSOO | REBAR/GEN./TIMBER/ | 22/2/1979 | |
| 14 | NEW PANTHER | ORRI | MIXERS | — | |
| 15 | BANGLAR MITA | S.C.S.A. | RICES/SURGHUM/GEN. | 24/2/1979 | |
| 16 | — | — | LUBS | 23/2/1979 | |
| 17 | — | — | — | — | |
| 18 | ACHILLEUS | POLACO | BULK CEMENT | 18/2/1979 | |
| 19 | GERARD L.D. | AL ABAH | BULK CEMENT | 19/2/1979 | |
| 20 | WOL JONG | O.C.E. | WOOD CEMENT/STEEL | 22/2/1979 | |
| 21 | ATLANTIC CHALLENGE | ALSAADA | PRE FAB. BLDG. | — | |
| 22 | BANGLAR SWAPANA | S.C.S.A. | BAGGED CEMENT | 11/2/1979 | |
| 23 | FILIPINAS SAUDI | S.A.M.A. | LUB. OIL | 25/2/1979 | |
| 24 | — | — | ACCOMMODATION SHIP | — | |
| 25 | — | — | — | — | |
| 26 | — | — | — | — | |
| 27 | — | — | — | — | |
| 28 | GOLDEN STAR | ORRI | STEEL BARS/GEN./AMON. | 24/2/1979 | |
| 29 | — | — | NITRATE | — | |
| 30 | BOWON | O.C.E. | GEN./TIMBER | 26/2/1979 | |
| 31 | MARKO POLO | EL HAWI | FRUITS | 23/2/1979 | |
| 32 | GRACE | GULF | TIM./STL./TILES/GREASE | 22/2/1979 | |
| 33 | — | — | — | — | |
| 34 | — | — | — | — | |
| RO RO | | | | | |
| AETOS | M.T.A. | | | | |
| FAREBA | I.S.S.C. | | CTRS./MAFIS/TRAILERS | 25/2/1979 | |
| | | | TRAILERS/CONTRIS. | 26/2/1979 | |
| 2-Recent Arrivals | | | | | |
| MARITICE | ALSAADA | | PIPES | 26/2/1979 | |
| RESOURCES | — | | — | — | |
| BLUB MARU | HAABOUD | | BAGGED SORGHUM | 26/2/1979 | |
| BERBA | I.S.S.C. | | TRAILERS/CONTRIS. | 26/2/1979 | |
| STARMARK | RED SEA | | GENERAL | 26/2/1979 | |
| ATLANTIC | KANOO | | LASH BARGES | 26/2/1979 | |
| FOREST | — | | — | — | |
| TRICOLOR | BARBER | | GENERAL/CONTRIS. | 26/2/1979 | |
| RAMSIS | FAYEZ | | POTATOES | 26/2/1979 | |
| ANDRIAN | A.E.T. | | CONTAINERS | 26/2/1979 | |
| CONCEJAROV | — | | — | — | |
| BORESLAW | ATTAR | | TO LOAD MTY. CONTRS. | 26/2/1979 | |
| KRAZYWOUSTY | — | | — | — | |
| ATIL | M.T.A. | | GENERAL | 26/2/1979 | |
| ABUSHAL | ABUSHAL | | I/DURRA | 26/2/1979 | |
| DIMITRIOS | RABSA | | GENERAL | 27/2/1979 | |
| PEP OCEAN | C.C.E. | | GENERAL/CONTRIS. | 27/2/1979 | |
| BOWON | — | | — | — | |
| Vessels Expected to Arrive With in Next 24 Hours | | | | | |
| MALDIVE SWIFT | OCEAN TRD. | | GENERAL/MAIL BAGS | 27/2/1979 | |
| PACIFIC DAISY | A.E.T. | | STEEL PIPES | 27/2/1979 | |
| MOSKA | ALPEHA | | REBAR/TIMBER | 27/2/1979 | |
| ARAB AL AHSAA | SADAKA | | DURRA/MELONS/GEN. | 27/2/1979 | |
| MELAMPUS | BARBER | | CTRS./BREAK BULK/ | 27/2/1979 | |
| | — | | LOAD. MTYS. | 27/2/1979 | |
| CBAR AN | ABDALLAH | | TO LOAD MTYS. | 27/2/1979 | |
| VANCOUVER | MEDCO | | CONTAINERS | 27/2/1979 | |
| FOREST | — | | — | — | |
| LOMBARDIO | A.E.T. | | CTRS./TRAILERS/ | 27/2/1979 | |
| LOMBARDIS | — | | I CARAVAN | — | |
| KANOS | M.T.A. | | CONTAINERS | 27/2/1979 | |
| MERZARIO | A.E.T. | | RO RO UNITS | 27/2/1979 | |
| ARABIA | — | | — | — | |
| CAP LARDIER | ALPEHA | | PO RO UNITS | 27/2/1979 | |
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Stock

| Feb. 23 | Feb. 22 |
|-------------|---------|
| Al-Jazira | 17.15 |
| Al-Riyadh | 17.15 |
| Al-Salam | 17.15 |
| Al-Taqwa | 17.15 |
| Al-Farooq | 17.15 |
| Al-Nadwa | 17.15 |
| Al-Madina | 17.15 |
| Al-Bayt | 17.15 |
| Al-Haram | 17.15 |
| Al-Musayib | 17.15 |
| Al-Sayid | 17.15 |
| Al-Munawwar | 17.15 |
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| Al-Munawwar | 17.15 |

EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON

| February 26 | Range |
|-------------|---------------|
| USA | 2.0280-2.0210 |
| Canada | 2.0215-2.0225 |
| France | 2.0215-2.0225 |
| Germany | 2.0215-2.0225 |
| Italy | 2.0215-2.0225 |
| Japan | 2.0215-2.0225 |

NEW YORK

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N.Y. DOLLAR CROSS RATES

February 26

| Currency | Rate |
|---------------|---------|
| Belgian Franc | 20.3500 |
| British Pound | 2.9475 |
| French Franc | 6.5595 |
| German Mark | 3.3757 |
| Japanese Yen | 360.71 |
| Swiss Franc | 2.0048 |

DOW JONES STOCK AVERAGES

February 26

| Index | Value |
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| Dow Jones Industrial | 2,028.10 |
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FINANCIAL TIMES STOCK INDICES

February 26

| Index | Value |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Financial Times Industrial | 2,028.10 |
| Financial Times Industrial | 2,028.10 |
| Financial Times Industrial | 2,028.10 |

COMMODITY PRICES

February 26

| Commodity | Price |
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| Gold | 2,028.10 |
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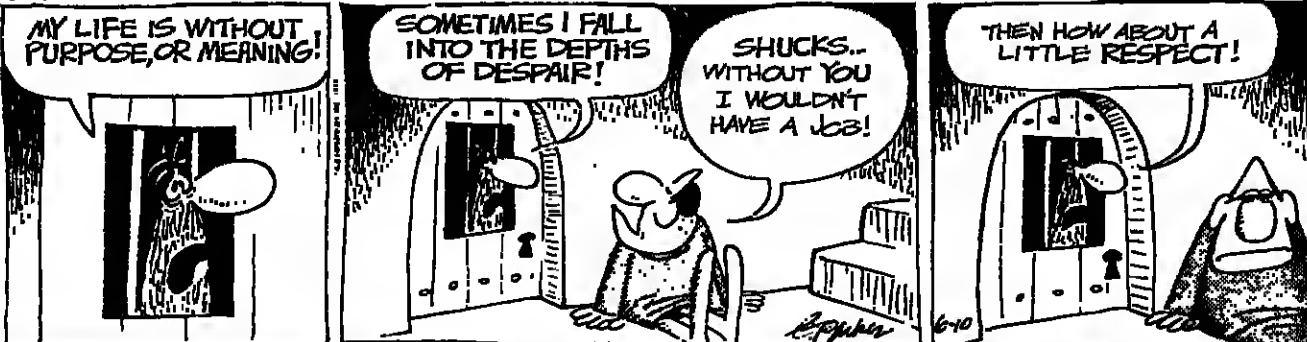
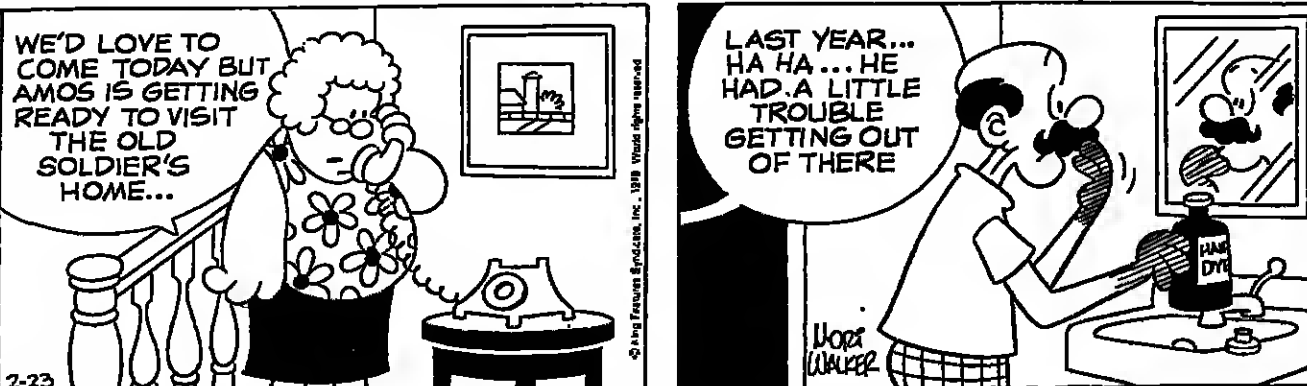
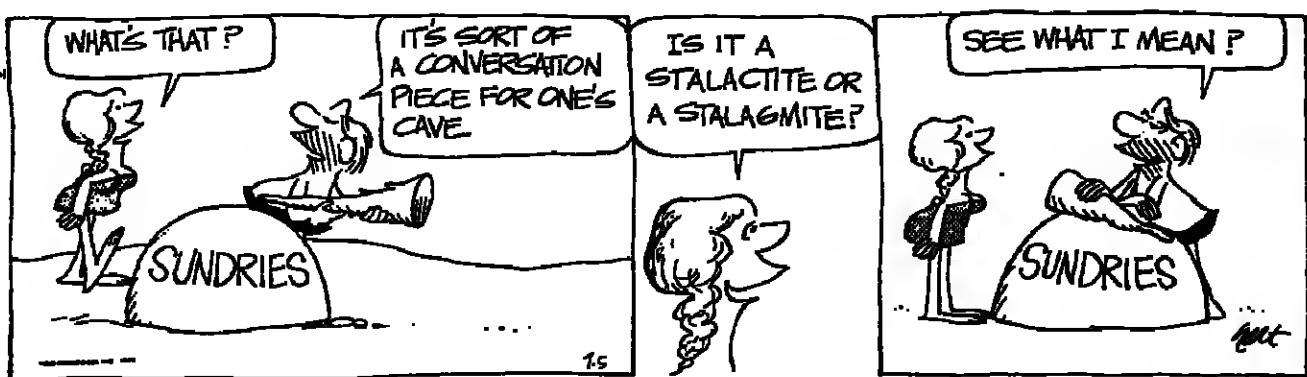
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- Actor White in "The Waltons"
- Cotton of year
- Harbor, Guam
- Contented
- Thailand
- Abstinence from
- Part of the USAF
- Move a TV camera
- Lead ahead
- Lace around
- Order of animals: suff.
- Mill. La Donce in movie
- Early-tale start
- Ancient European country
- Parking space fixture
- Give off
- Joey Boy
- Trio in a tub
- Cure-all
- Work unit
- Tale
- Antiquated
- Floor covering
- Congar
- Card game
- Put with a cash

DOWN

- Least
- lava source
- chic
- Of the bees
- Being a legal eagle
- Old Dutch measure
- Peggy Lee song
- Expatriate
- Prime time
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- 9 P.M.
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- Turkish city
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- "The Bells"

Yesterday's Answer

ACROSS

1. Actor White in "The Waltons"
2. Cotton of year
3. Harbor, Guam
4. Contented
5. Thailand
6. Abstinence from
7. Part of the USAF
8. Move a TV camera
9. Lead ahead
10. Lace around
11. Order of animals: suff.
12. Mill. La Donce in movie
13. Early-tale start
14. Ancient European country
15. Parking space fixture
16. Give off
17. Joey Boy
18. Trio in a tub
19. Cure-all
20. Work unit
21. Tale
22. Antiquated
23. Floor covering
24. Congar
25. Card game
26. Put with a cash

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3. chic
4. Of the bees
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22. Once male symbol
23. Famed violinist
24. Turkish city
25. Neighbor of Eng.
26. "The Bells"



Contract Bridge

Contract Bridge
B. Jay Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A Q 8
♥ Q J 8 5 2
♦ A 6 3
♣ 8 6 4

EAST

♠ J 5 4
♥ A Q J 10 9 5
♦ A Q J 7 5 3
♣ J 10 9 2

THE HAND

West opened 1♠. North responded 2♥. East overcalled 3♣. West bid 4♥. North bid 5♥. East bid 6♥. The hand ended in a 6♥-6♥ final contract. West took 12 tricks, East took 10 tricks. Total tricks: 22.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

| WEDNESDAY | Fajr | Ishraq | Dhuhr | Asr | Maghreb | Isha |
|-----------|------|--------|-------|------|---------|------|
| Mecca | 5:30 | 6:48 | 12:40 | 4:02 | 6:27 | 7:57 |
| Medina | 5:34 | 6:49 | 12:43 | 4:02 | 6:26 | 7:56 |
| Nejd | 5:01 | 6:21 | 12:11 | 3:29 | 5:55 | 7:25 |

DHAHRAN TV

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 4:30 Children's Show | Sesame Street: No. 1081 |
| 6:30 It's A Small World | Ten Thousand Mile Safari |
| 6:50 Chico & The Man | Auntie Connie |
| 7:25 Six Million \$ Man | R Plus Two Plus O=Death |
| 8:13 The Brady Bunch Hour | Milton Burt Show No. 4 |
| 8:57 Laverne & Shirley | Dear Future Model I |
| 9:22 Channel Theater | Romanoff And Juliet |

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
The temperatures will begin to drop in the northern region and parts of the western region. Surface winds to blow westerly to northwesterly at moderate speed raising dust occasionally. The northern and central regions will be affected by southerly winds of moderate intensity.
Sea conditions are calm to moderate in the territorial waters.
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| Afternoon Transmission | 10:01 The Holy Quran |
| 2:00 Opening | 10:05 Message to the Faithful |
| 2:01 The Holy Quran | 10:10 Light Music |
| 2:05 Gems of Guidance | 10:15 NEWS |
| 2:10 S.A. - Historical Notes | 10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle |
| 2:20 On Islam | 10:30 Melody Makers |
| 2:30 Life in Germany | 11:00 Youth Welfare |
| 3:00 NEWS | 11:10 Music |
| 3:10 Press Review | 11:15 Hot Rock |
| 3:15 Music | 11:45 The Golden Age |
| 3:20 Islamic Activities | 12:00 Imp. Com. & Recollections |
| 3:30 Leaps and Bounds | 12:10 Music |
| 3:40 Music | 12:15 Mood Music |
| 3:50 Close Down | 12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams |
| Evening Transmission | 01:00 Close Down |
| 10:00 Opening | |

VOA

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| P.M. | 10:05 Opinion: Analyses |
| 8:00 News Roundup: | News Summary |
| Reports: Actualities: | VOA Magazine: |
| Opinion: Analyses: | America; Science; |
| 8:30 DateLine | Cultural; Letter |
| News Summary | 11:00 Special English: News |
| 9:00 Special English: | 11:30 Music USA: (Jazz) |
| News: Feature, The | VOA WORLD REPORT |
| Making of a Nation | Midnight |
| News Summary | 12:00 News newsmakers' |
| 9:30 Music USA: | voices correspondents' |
| (Standards) | reports background |
| 10:00 News Roundup: | features media com- |
| Reports: Actualities | mments news analyses. |

BBC

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| Morning Transmission | 4:30 The Pleasure's Yours |
| 8:00 World News | 5:15 Report on Religion |
| 8:09 Twenty-Four Hours | 6:00 Radio Newsweek |
| News Summary | 6:15 Outlook |
| 8:30 Sarah Ward | 7:00 World News |
| 8:45 World Today | 7:09 Commentary |
| 9:00 Newsweek | 7:15 Sherlock Holmes |
| 9:30 Opera Star | 7:45 World Today |
| 10:00 World News | 8:00 World News |
| 10:09 Twenty-Four Hours | 8:09 Books and Writers |
| News Summary | 8:30 Take One |
| 10:30 Sarah Ward | 8:45 Sports Round-up |
| 10:45 "Something to Show You" | 9:00 World News |
| 11:00 World News | 9:09 News about Britain |
| 11:09 Reflections | 9:15 Radio Newsworld |
| 11:15 Pinn Style | 9:30 Fanning World |
| 11:30 Brain of Britain 1978 | 10:00 Outlook News Summary |
| 12:00 World News | 10:39 Stock Market Report |
| 12:09 British Press Review | 10:43 Look Ahead |
| 12:15 World Today | 10:45 Ulster in Focus |
| 12:30 Financial News | 11:00 World News |
| 12:40 Look Ahead | 11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: |
| 12:45 The Tony Myau | News Summary |
| Request Show | 11:30 The Pleasure's Yours |
| Evening Transmission | Midnight Transmission |
| 1:15 Ulster in Focus | 12:15 Talkabout |
| 1:30 Discovery | 12:45 Nature |
| 2:00 World News | Notebook |
| 2:05 News about Britain | 1:00 World News |
| 2:15 Alphabet of | 1:09 World Today |
| Musical Curios | 1:25 Financial News |
| 2:30 Sports International | 1:35 Book Choice |
| 2:40 Radio Newsworld | 1:40 Reflections |
| 3:15 Promenade Concert | 1:45 Sports Round-up |
| 3:45 Sports Round-up | 2:00 World News |
| 4:00 World News | 2:09 Commentary |
| 4:09 Twenty-Four Hours: | 2:15 The Face of England |
| News Summary | |

Your Individual Horoscope

FRANCES DRAKE

FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
You're in the mood to get things rolling but may meet with petty irritations along the way. Watch nerves, especially at work.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Little things may interfere with getting the peace and quiet you feel you need. Dwelling on problems won't make them go away.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
You're intent on socializing today, but may not feel quite up to it through either over-tiredness or a problem at home. Slow down.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
Career projects seem to be marred by "ifs" and "ands" and "buts," but a talk with an adviser may prove helpful. Avoid p.m. moodiness.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
If you have been im-provident with your resources, advice from another won't replenish your bank account. Forge worry and be realistic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
You may be concerned about joint finances. To consult with other arriving at decisions affect both of you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
In partnership with other relations will ones, you'll have to be other out to get it today's obligations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Work will only let it harder if you let it from other areas discourage you. One on what must be done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Romantic plans may quite as planned. See for a relative who will be with you, but a controversial heading.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
There is much you'd accomplish at home. It is careful that a fit interruptions doesn't in with your plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
The account is on hot letter writing, and hot phase calls. Some a good and some not a. Take it as it comes.

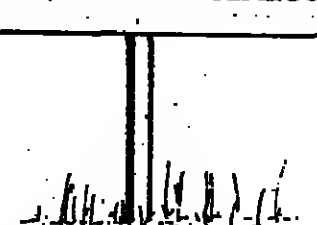
PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Rely on your own advice - re financial. won't replenish your bank account. Forge worry and be realistic.

WISDOM (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
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International

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Carter calls on Chinese to withdraw from Vietnam

PEKING, Feb. 27 (AP)—President Jimmy Carter Tuesday called on China to undertake "a speedy withdrawal" from Vietnam, in a message given to top Chinese leaders by Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal.

Blumenthal met for more than an hour with Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping and told

reporters afterward he had given Teng the message that Carter wanted him to give. "I conveyed the position of the United States government with respect to the Chinese move into Vietnam, and indicated our opposition to that move and our hope there will be a speedy withdrawal from Vietnam," Blumenthal said.

It was the bluntest statement to date of U.S. opposition to the war.

Meanwhile, Vietnam Tuesday reported more fighting near its northwestern provincial capital of Lao Cai and said 800 Chinese troops were put out of action there Monday.

The official radio Hanoi monitored in Bangkok, said the fighting took place in the Red River Valley area of Cam Duong, about three kilometers south of Lao Cai, capital of Hoang Lien Son Province.

It said the Chinese had made a three-pronged attack on the area backed by artillery and tanks over the weekend.

Some 2,200 Chinese had been wiped out in the province in the three days ending Monday, the Vietnamese broadcast said.

The radio also said that 250 Chinese troops had been wiped out in the past few days around Phong Tho, farther west, and that two Chinese had met the same fate in Lang Son Province Monday.

American officials in Washington have said that a major battle appeared to be building up around Lang Son and that it could take place soon.

Reliable sources in Bangkok have been predicting such a battle for some days as Vietnamese and Chinese forces sent to reinforcements.

Lang Son lies near the Friendship Pass border crossing between the two Communist neighbors, one of the major centers of the Chinese attack into northern Vietnam that started over a week ago.

Hanoi has said the Chinese struck as far as 40 kilometers into Vietnam, but has not indicated where this occurred.



ARTILLERY FIRE: The Vietnam News Agency says this picture is of houses in Hong Son Cooperative in Van Hoa village in Vietnam's Hoang Lien Son Province destroyed by Chinese artillery Feb. 17, the first day of China's invasion.—(AP photo).

U.S. carriers join

Fleets off Vietnam increasing

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (R)—Two U.S. Seventh Fleet aircraft carriers have left their home ports in the western Pacific amid increased Soviet naval activity in the area, military spokesmen said Tuesday.

The 51,000-ton Midway left Yokosuka, southwest of Tokyo, Monday for an undisclosed destination at about the same time as the 60,000-ton Constellation left Subic Bay in the Philippines for the South China Sea.

A Seventh Fleet spokesman at Yokosuka declined to say where the Midway was heading and stated "we do not discuss operational matters."

Japanese Defense Agency officials said they believed at least nine Soviet warships were

cruising in the South China Sea, along which both Vietnam and China have long coastlines.

The Midway left port after a one-week stay after a cruise of about six weeks in an undisclosed area of the Pacific, the U.S. spokesman said.

A U.S. spokesman in Manila said Monday the Constellation's sailing was "part of its normal movement" and not connected with the Sino-Vietnamese conflict.

The carrier had been in Subic Bay for more than one week after patrolling the South China Sea.

The two carriers have a total of about 175 warplanes, including Hawk radar aircraft, interceptors and ground

attack and anti-shipping planes.

A Japanese patrol plane confirmed that a Soviet Kashin class missile destroyer Tuesday entered the East China Sea from the Sea of Japan, the Defense Agency in Tokyo said.

The Soviet Pacific Fleet flagship, the missile cruiser Admiral Sengayin, has been cruising in the same sea escorted by a Krivak class missile destroyer, the agency said.

The Defense Agency said three other Soviet vessels — two destroyers and an oiler — were believed heading for the Pacific Fleet base at Vladivostok after passing through the Tsushima Strait separating the Japanese islands of Honshu and Hokkaido.



VIETNAM: This picture was released by the Vietnam News Agency with the caption "Chinese aggressor killed in the area of Dong Dang township, Lang Son Province."

Mrs. Gandhi's son sentenced to 2-year term at hard labor

NEW DELHI, Feb. 27 (AP)—Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's son Sanjay and former Information Minister V. C. Shukla were sentenced to two years at hard labor Tuesday for destroying a film that satirized Mrs. Gandhi's regime.

Sanjay, 32, and Shukla, 49, were also fined \$1,250 and \$7,125 respectively. They were given until March 26 to appeal and freed on \$625 bail.

About 80 Gandhi supporters went on a rampage for an hour in the crowded courtroom immediately after District Judge O.N. Vohra pronounced sentence. They shouted slogans, smashed furniture, swung sticks and climbed

on tables and chairs. "I will not tolerate this," said the judge above the din. "They must show some respect for the court. This is not a fish market."

"It's a political judgment," said Sanjay. "What can you expect but a political reaction?"

No casualties or arrests were reported.

Vohra found the pair guilty Monday of criminal conspiracy, breach of trust and four other charges relating to the 1975 disappearance of the movie "Kissa Kursi Ka" or "Pursuit of the Seat of Power."

The film, made by a member of parliament shortly before

Mrs. Gandhi's regime imposed a state of emergency, included quotations from her, attacked Sanjay, poked fun at the compact "people's car" he was unsuccessful in developing and attributed law moral standards to politicians of Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party.

The prosecution charged that when the movie was submitted to the government for censorship during the Emergency, Sanjay and Shukla destroyed it at Sanjay's automobile factory outside New Delhi.

Vohra told Gandhi, "It gives me pain to give such a sentence to a young man... almost like a son. But I am doing this as a judge."



SANJAY ON TOUR: Three years ago, the son of Mrs. Indira Gandhi went on a triumphal tour of Indian cities. Tuesday he was sentenced to two years hard labor for destroying a film on his mother's regime.

From page one

Begin

Khalil declared Tuesday progress had been made at the Camp David talks and that Begin had no alternative but to return to Washington for negotiations.

Khalil, speaking before learning of reports from Israel that Begin had refused President Carter's invitation to attend, said "There is no alternative to that. He has to come," Khalil said on arrival in Cairo, apparently unaware that Israel had refused to go along with Carter's request.

Sadat, who is in Alexandria, was informed of the Israeli position by his aides while taking a walk in the gardens of his villa on the Mediterranean. He had no immediate comment to make, the officials

said. "Yes, progress has been made, this is my point of view," Khalil said of his five days of talks at the presidential retreat in Maryland.

Khalil denied reports in the press in Cairo that a draft agreement had been reached encompassing the points of disagreement.

In his statement, Begin declared, "In addition to the previous Egyptian proposals, which were unacceptable to Israel, new proposals were made which were inconsistent with the Camp David agreement of Sept. 17 and in fact nullified the meaning of the peace treaty between the two countries."

would be sold on the spot — non-contract — market and, "we may be able to sell the oil at \$18 to \$20 a barrel."

"At this moment there are several foreign tankers in Iranian waters ready to take on oil. These are expected to dock within a few days," Nazifi said at a press conference in Abwaz.

He said NIOC's past agreement with an American-European consortium of oil companies is under review and, "we will not be willing any longer to deal with the consortium under the past conditions. We will not give any discounts."

NIOC previously sold the

bulk of its firm million barrel a day output to the British Petroleum consortium at a discount of 18 cents a barrel.

Tuesday's announcement by the Royal Court in Riyadh said the Saudi government was seeking consultations between the oil-producing and consuming countries after previous consultations among the oil producers.

It said it was asking for the discussions, "to prevent a limited number of companies," from realizing considerable profits at the expense of both exporters and importers.

"The Government of Saudi

Saudi Arabia

Arabia," the statement said, "having examined with deep interest the state of supply and demand on the world's petroleum markets noted with anxiety that a number of foreign oil companies have raised their oil prices above the level decided by OPEC at its recent meeting in Abu Dhabi."

It said it has decided to

Iraq's

officials executed by Iran's new Islamic government.

According to unofficial counts, about 3,000 former government ministers, officials and allegedly corrupt businessmen are being held by authorities throughout the country and undergoing investigation.

Four foreign oil workers, including an American, arrested by supporters of Khomenei, were released Tuesday after being questioned by revolutionary authorities in the Western city of Abwaz, a spokesman for the American company that employs them said.

After spending the night at a local hotel the four men — two Englishmen, one American and one Irishman — were questioned by a revolutionary committee of oil workers, said the spokesman.

fretze its prices until the Geneva meeting March 26 in order to spare the world any economic upheavals and help stabilize the world economy.

In Kuwait, Sheikh Ali said the shortage of oil due to the cut in Iranian supplies has "strengthened the position of the major oil companies to the point where they have been reaping very considerable profits out of this situation."

The increase means the price of a barrel of Kuwaiti oil will increase to \$14.54, \$1.20 above the first-quarter price decided by OPEC in December.

The Kuwaiti statement said the oil companies' actions have meant that consumers "both in the industrialized and developing worlds have not been receiving the benefit of our reasonableness, and the world economy is having to suffer all the tragic consequences we have been fearing."

Kingdom

The statement appealed to all peace-loving Arab countries to extend "all possible assistance" to help North Yemen confront the South Yemeni attack.

Good Morning

Traditional Arab customs

By Jihad Al-Khazra

Customs officers in Britain went on strike a week ago and everyone discovered that they were perfectly free to bring anything they pleased into the country.

As a stopgap, the officials were replaced by receptacles inscribed "Honor Box." Travelers with anything to declare were to leave their names and addresses so that they could be contacted when the strike was over, and relieved of the duty that they should have been charged.

The following day the boxes were not full, but they were not empty.

Arabs might find that hard to believe. I wonder what would happen to any Arab country if people were given sufficient notice of a customs strike. Apart from the professional who would carry on smuggling drugs and so on as if it were a normal working day for them, one can only guess.

An Iraqi would bring in the largest and most luxurious car he could find. His country imposes an exorbitant tax on imported cars in order to avoid the national income being converted into scrap metal.

Moroccans would fill their pockets with every French article they could lay their hands on. Owing to the devaluation of their currency, they are normally deprived of such luxuries.

If an Egyptian lady in Jeddah were to hear the news, she would probably faint. After the doctors and the smiling sales had brought her round, she would arrive at Jeddah Airport looking like a tank: a washing machine in one hand, vacuum cleaner in the other, two Japanese fans around her neck, a pile of sponges on her head and scents and cosmetics in her bags and her pockets.

As for the Lebanese, since the civil war he has had no serious complaint about the laxity of the customs inspectors in his country. He would simply stuff his suitcases with gifts and machineries. He has got used to ornaments like that around the house, and hardly considers himself a Lebanese worthy of the name without his arsenal.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awast

Aeroflot hijackers arrested in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 27 (AP)—Police took two men and two women of different nationalities into custody after they hijacked a Soviet airliner with 34 persons aboard Tuesday before its scheduled landing at Stockholm's Arlanda Airport.

The men were identified as Swedish and Indian. The women were West German and Brazilian.

The motives of the hijackers

Earlier, the hijackers reported to be Soviet citizens, Lundgren said the Brazilian woman had asked for political asylum.

Violence in steel strike shakes Giscard's rule

PARIS, Feb. 27 (AP)—A weekend of violence in France's strife-torn steel industry has plunged the government of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing into its worst crisis since the 1978 elections.

The violent turn to the six-month steel troubles represented the most serious challenge yet to the two-and-a-half-year stewardship of Premier Raymond Barre, the former economics professor who has set out

to overhaul French industry.

The situation Monday Longwy, the mill town in eastern France that has

come the symbol of the crisis, was reported calm Saturday between steelworkers. The union, which had called for a local television station, sacked the office the local employers organized and brought up a hulking mob to storm a station.

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